

RODEO QUEEN, JUNIOR QUEEN, PRINCESS & TINY PRINCESS PAGEANT

Official Rules & Regulations

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MISS STAMPEDE DAYS RODEO PAGEANT

The Stampede Days Rodeo Pageant is held annually to select a young lady who has the desire and enthusiasm to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the sport of professional rodeo and the Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse.

The Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Pageant Executive Board of Directors has pledged to make the pageant memorable for each contestant. The Executive board is confident that the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen chosen will represent her rodeo and this city in a grand manner, while promoting the sport of Professional Rodeo.

WHO IS MISS STAMPEDE DAYS RODEO?

Miss Stampede Days Rodeo symbolizes the youth of our rodeo, city, and those who wish to promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, promote the great western way of life. She is an ideal Western type American girl who has an appealing appearance, a congenial personality, and knowledge of the equine industry, city of Bakersfield and the sport of professional rodeo. She is a young lady who enjoys travel and has a sincere interest in garnering educational experiences that will assist in laying a solid foundation for her future.

WHAT TYPE OF YOUNG LADY DOES THE MS DR PAGEANT ATTRACT?

- The young lady who wishes to be a representative of her state, city of Bakersfield and professional rodeo.
- The young lady who loves horses and rodeo and everything they represent.
- The young lady who portrays unmatched sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character.
- The young lady who understands and loves the sport of professional rodeo and who has the knowledge of the sport to sell it to someone who may know nothing of the sport.
- The ambitious young lady who is interested in furthering her chosen career through higher education and special training.
- The young lady who is able to speak intelligently and display dignity in all situations.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Tiny Princess must not turn 10 prior to May 1st....Princess contestants must not be less than 10 years of age or more than 13 years of age as of May 1st before the competition Junior Queen contestants must not be less than 14 years of age or more than 17 years of age as of May 1st before the competition. Senior contestants must not be less than 18 years of age and no more than 24 years of age as of December 1 following the competition. (if winner of Queen competition is not 18 at the time of the competition she may not take possession of the horse trailer until her 18th birthday) Birth certificates may be required
2. Contestants must be a resident of California.
3. Contestants must be single and have never been married.
4. Contestants may not have children.
5. Senior Contestants are encouraged to be enrolled as full time students in high school, college or vocational training institution at a level comparing to either a junior or senior in high school or freshman or sophomore in college, or who certify an intent to enroll in such an educational institution not later than May 1st, the year of competition, if selected as a Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen, or Rodeo Princess.
6. No person who will be under the age of 18 years on January 1st, the year of competition, may be a contestant unless her parents and/or legal guardian have their written consent to such participation, agreeing to comply with all of these rules and regulations as they then exist or may thereafter be amended.
7. No person, who shall have previously acted as Queen of a rodeo sponsored by the Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse, Inc., shall be eligible to again be a contestant.
8. All contestants shall agree in writing to observe and comply with all of these rules and regulations, as they exist now and as subsequently amended.
9. No person shall be deemed a contestant until an application to act as a contestant has been approved in writing by Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse, Inc., either directly or indirectly. Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse Inc., along with the Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Executive Board of Directors, expressly reserves the sole right to accept or reject any application as it may in its sole discretion deem appropriate.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Contestants shall attend all public and private functions connected with the Rodeo and the Rodeo Queen contest as are designated by Rodeo Queen Director, and shall participate in promotional and other function to the extent and in the manner requested by Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse, Inc.
2. Contestants shall attend all performances of the Rodeo unless specifically excused there from by the Rodeo Queen Director.
3. At all such functions, performances and events, each contestant shall be dressed in western attire all of which shall be furnished at the sole cost and expense of the contestant.
4. At any event requiring the contestants to be mounted, each contestant shall provide the horse to be used by her, together with all necessary saddles, bridles, and or other equipment, and at her sole cost and expense transport the horse to and from the site of the function. Tiny Princess will not be required to be mounted.
5. Each contestant shall provide her own transportation to each such function, performance and or event unless otherwise instructed by Rodeo Queen Director.
6. Rodeo Queen Director shall have the sole right to publish or cause the publication in any media, and use in any reasonable manner, the name, basic biographical background and photograph of each contestant for the purpose of the promotion of the Rodeo Queen Contest.
7. Contestants shall not, without the permission of the Rodeo Queen Director publish or allow the name, photograph or biographical data of any contestant in any public media in any matter whatsoever as to suggest any connection with or participation in the Rodeo Queen Contest.

SELECTION OF RODEO QUEEN, JR. QUEEN, AND PRINCESSES

1. At any time and place to be determined in the sole discretion of The Rodeo Queen Headquarters, one (1) Rodeo Queen, (1) Jr. Queen, (1) Rodeo Princesses, and (1) Tiny Princesses shall be selected from those contestants who have complied with all reasonable directions of the Rodeo Queen Headquarters. There will be 3 runner up categories for each title. Contestants must have participated faithfully throughout the competition in a manner consistent with acting as the Stampede Days Rodeo Queen. No other contestant shall be deemed eligible for such positions or shall receive any prizes etc. under these rules.
2. The selection of the Royal Court consisting of the Queen, Jr. Queen, Princess and their court shall be by majority vote of a panel of not less than (3) judge appointed in the sole discretion of Rodeo Queen Director. Judging of horsemanship, personal interview, personality and appearance, and rodeo knowledge may be sub- panels.

3. The procedure to be followed by the panel of judges in selecting the Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen, and the Princess shall be as follows:
 - a) Those contestants who are eligible for consideration as Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen, or Rodeo Princess under these rules shall be ranked in descending numerical sequence percentage to reflect the relative number of points earned in the following categories,
 - Horsemanship shall account for 25% of the Rodeo Queen Contest.
 - Rodeo Knowledge shall account for 25% of the Rodeo Queen Contest.
 - Personality and Appearance shall count for 25% of the Rodeo Queen Contest. Personal interview competition shall count for 25% of the Rodeo Queen Contest.
 - b) Those contestants who are eligible for consideration as Tiny Princess under these rules shall be ranked in descending numerical sequence percentage to reflect the relative number of points earned in the following categories,
 - Impromptu question account for 15% of the Contest.
 - Modeling shall account for 10% of the Contest.
 - Ticket sales will account for 75% of the Contest
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 - 1) Each Queen will be required to raise \$1500.00 worth of sponsorships from the 2007 Rodeo Queen pageant Sponsorship Program booklet or sell \$1500.00 worth of raffle tickets (contestant may combine the two).
 - 2) Sponsorship or ticket sales over \$1500.00 up to \$3000.00 will receive two points for every \$100.00 for sponsorships or tickets sold. You can receive a maximum of thirty extra points to be added to your overall score.
 - 3) Any amount raised over the qualifying \$1500.00, up to \$3000.00 the Queen contestant will receive 10% of that amount., from \$3000.00 -\$5000 the contestant shall receive 15% and anything over \$5000.00 the contestant shall receive 20%
 - 4) Each Junior Queen and Princess will be required to raise \$1000.00 worth of sponsorships from the 2007 Rodeo Queen pageant Sponsorship Program booklet or sell \$1000.00 worth of raffle tickets (contestant may combine the two).
 - 5) Sponsorship or ticket sales over \$1000.00 up to \$2000.00 will receive two points for every \$100.00 for sponsorships or tickets sold. You can receive a maximum of twenty extra points to be added to your overall score.
 - 6) Any amount raised over the qualifying \$1000.00, up to \$2000.00 the Jr. Queen or Princess contestant will receive 10% of that amount., from \$2000.00 -\$3000 the contestant shall receive 15% and anything over \$4000.00 the contestant shall receive 20% of that amount.
 - 7) A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required when the contestant turns in their application. This \$100.00 will be applied to the contestants overall ticket sales.
 - b) Each judge shall in its sole discretion award to each contestant a number of points between 0 and 100 to recognize the degree of skill in horsemanship displayed by the contestant at a time and place in such manner as shall be determined by Rodeo Queen Headquarters.
 - c) Each judge shall in its sole discretion award to each contestant number of points between 0 and 100 to recognize the Personality and Appearance

displayed by the contestant at a time and place established by Rodeo Queen Headquarters for the judging.

- d) Each judge shall in its sole discretion award to each contestant number of points between 0 and 100 to recognize the personal interview displayed by the contestant at a time and place established by Rodeo Queen Headquarters for the judging.

Judges decisions are final!

- e) In establishing the number of points to be awarded by the judges for horsemanship, appearance and personality, and personal interview the highest number shall be awarded to the contestant or contestants deemed by the judges to display superior skills in each category.
- f) Rodeo Knowledge will be equal to 25% of the total score achievable and will be based on a written test, and/or any questions ask at anytime by the judges.
- g) The contestant receiving the highest number of points pursuant to the foregoing shall be the Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen, and the Princess. Receiving the second and third highest number of points shall be the First Rodeo and Second Rodeo Princess, and so on.
Respectively, ties resulting in category winners i.e., referring back to Judge #1 will break down Appearance and Personality, Personal Interview and Horsemanship. Judge #1 scores will break the tie.
- h) Pageant Officials will not have access to completed judging sheets. The judges will select from among themselves one person to serve as Head Judge and that Judge will gather the completed score sheets from all of the Judges, Put them in a sealed envelope and personally see that the Auditor receives them.
- i) Each contestant may review her personal scores following the Pageant.
- j) No contestant or person on the contestant's behalf shall be in direct contact with any personnel of the accounting firm.
- k) NO VERBAL AGREEMENT CAN SUPERCEED THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT ONLY AWRITTEN AGREEMENT CAN SUPERCEED THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use foul language at any time during pageant functions.
2. Each contestant will supply the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Pageant with two similar black and white photos. Photos must be head and shoulder pose (no action) in western attire. Western attire will include western blouse, suit or dress, hat and accessories.

3. A contestant or any individual with the intent to influence or harass may not approach a judge or the auditor before or after any event. Action of this type will be reported to the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Executive Board and Director and disqualification of that contestant could result.
4. Each contestant will provide horses and tack necessary for horsemanship competition. Contestants may not use spurs during horsemanship competition.
5. Contestants will be expected to present a biography speech on herself, which will be at least 2 ½ minutes and no more than 3 1/2 minutes in length. It is recommended that speeches are memorized and no props will be allowed. An interview will also take place.
6. Contestants must provide their own transportation to and from all rodeo functions. Contestants must also be punctual. Contestants that arrive late to any event will result in a point loss of five points per event.
7. Entrants must sign Waiver of Liability, and Application. If under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign a consent form along with the liability form.
8. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the wardrobe guidelines. It is required that each contestant have at least one complete western dress outfit, one complete western pant suit or dress outfit, one complete horsemanship outfit, and two complete arena outfits.

WARDROBE GUIDELINES

1. Each contestant should have at least one complete western dress or skirt outfit with accessories.
2. Each contestant should have at least one complete western pant suit or dress outfit with accessories. (Tiny Princess not applicable)
3. Each contestant should have at least one complete horsemanship outfit and accessories. This should consist of “Wrangler” brand jeans of any color with complimenting blouse sleeves and shirts tail tucked in. (Tiny Princess not applicable)
4. Each contestant will have one complete coronation ceremony outfit, which will consist of “Wrangler” brand jeans and a complimenting blouse or jacket with blouse underneath. The jacket or blouse should be made of a bright material as to make coronation ceremony colorful. Suggestions for jacket material include sequined material, brocade, and embellished velvet. (Tiny Princess winner only)
5. No chaps are to be worn for the horsemanship competition.

PAGEANT DIVISIONS

PERSONALITY AND APPEARANCE; INTERVIEW

The purpose of these categories is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming, this should include neatness, cleanliness, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other western apparel.
3. Posture: How the contestant carries herself is very important, the judges will be looking for contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation. Judges will be looking for contestants to handle each situation that they are involved in with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for contestants to have a vast knowledge of proper etiquette.
5. Western fashion sense: contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will pay particular attention to contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring and enhance appearance and eye appeal.
6. Proper fit of clothing: above all contestants should pay attention to the fit of her outfit. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personality. In addition, contestants should be properly fitted for a hat so that it will flatter the face.
7. Contestants should be familiar with the major western wear manufacturers.
8. It is not necessary to spend a fortune on your clothing; we just want to see you at your best in all occasions.
9. Intelligence and good common sense.
10. Conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
11. Good sense of humor
12. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
13. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
14. Self-Projection
15. Happy outlook on life
16. Maturity
17. Educational background and career goals

HORSEMANSHIP

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship: Control of mount and the way each situation that may

occur is handled

2. Balance- ability to sit in the saddle
3. Position of hands, feet, and seat.
4. Mounting and dismounting
5. Presentation wave
6. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse or equipment.
7. Each contestant will be interviewed on each of the following categories; knowledge of tack, horse science, professional rodeo history, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard events, championship standings, current issues of the pro rodeo circuit.
8. Showmanship - This is how well the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

RODEO KNOWLEDGE

1. The purpose of the event is to discover each contestant's ability to understand and Comprehend the sport of rodeo and its events.
2. Each contestant will be given a written test on each of the following categories; knowledge of tack, horse science, professional rodeo history, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard events, championship standings, current issues of the pro rodeo circuit.
3. Ability to represent the sport of pro rodeo, its heritage, the Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Stampede Days Rodeo

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENTS, FRIENDS, & RELATIVES -The Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Pageant welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends, and relatives during the competition. The Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Pageant also requests complete cooperation from parents, friends, and relatives during pageant activities. At no time during the pageant shall parents, friends, and relatives disturb the contestants. Parents, friends, and relatives are responsible for obtaining tickets for all events.

HORSEMANSHIP- The contestants will provide their own horse for the horsemanship portion. Horses will be all around type horses that know their leads when asked correctly. Horsemanship patterns will be provided to the contestants. Tack used on a horse may not be changed between go-rounds. Contestants will not be allowed to use spurs in the horsemanship competition. There will be two go-rounds of competition, during the second go round the contestants will switch horses. This will be done by a drawing. It is

recommended that contestants prior to competition practice riding as many horses as possible before the competition and seek the advice of experts in cueing horses to perform the patterns.

Contestants should remember that this will be judged on how the contestant cues the horse, not the horses' ability. Contestants should strive for a smooth pattern. Following pattern one, contestants will be asked to do a presentation run, following pattern two, the judges will ask the contestant questions pertaining to horsemanship or the pattern. Rail work may be requested at Judges option. When horsemanship begins all contestants will be quarantined from friends and family. They will have no contact unless approved by the pageant coordinator. There will be no coaching from the rail. If judges suspect coaching from the rail there may be points deducted. 10 points will be deducted for each violation. Contestant may receive a no score if judges deem appropriate.

PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS - Any problems and complaints should be immediately referred to the pageant director or member of the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Pageant Executive Board. Contestants only may report a problem or complaint and the executive Board will address the problem immediately.

STUDY INFORMATION -The PRCA publishes a PRO RODEO MEDIA GUIDE and a BI-monthly newspaper, PRO RODEO PORTS NEWS. These resources provide excellent information for study material. For information contact:

PRCA at 719-593-8840 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

It is also recommended to contact the WPRA office to receive information on women's events in rodeo: WPRA at 405-485-2277 Route 5, Box 698, Blanchard, and O.K.

Contestants should keep up with current events by watching the news and reading the newspaper.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Photographs taken of contestants during the pageant by pageant personnel will become the property of the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Pageant, and may be used for publicity.

DIVISION REQUIREMENTS:

In the Junior Queen Princess, and Tiny Princess division there must be a minimum of three contestants, if there is not the SDR pageant committee may combine these three categories,

The Queen division will not be combined with any other category. In the event that the Queen division contains less than three contestants the SDR Queen committee may at its discretion change status on the horse trailer.

SPORTSMANSHIP -The Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Pageant Executive Board expects each contestant, parents, friends, and relatives to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Pageant, the Kern County Sheriffs Department, the Kern County Sheriffs Mounted Posse, and the Sport of Professional Rodeo. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in disqualification and affect further eligibility to compete in the Miss Stampede Days Rodeo Queen Pageant.

Sportsmanship is conformance to the rules, spirit, and [etiquette](#) of [sport](#). More grandly, it may be considered the [ethos](#) of sport. It is interesting that the motivation for sport is often an elusive element. Sportsmanship expresses an aspiration or ethos that the activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. Being a "good sport" involves being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser".^[1]

Etiquette is a code of behavior that influences expectations for [social behavior](#) according to contemporary [conventional norms](#) within a [society](#), [social class](#), or [group](#). Rules of etiquette are usually unwritten, but aspects of etiquette have been codified from time to time. Rules of etiquette encompass most aspects of social interaction in any society, though the term itself is not commonly used. A rule of etiquette may reflect an underlying [ethical code](#), or it may reflect a person's [fashion](#) or [status](#).