

Pageant Rules and Scoring

Contestants will be judged on:

- Personality & Knowledge (throughout the contest)
- Appearance (throughout the contest)
- Speech & Modeling
- Horsemanship

Personality:

This division will be worth a total of 15 points. The aim of this division is to select candidates who are skilled in these areas:

- Conversational ability
- Sense of Humor
- Education
- Ability to project one's self and ideas to others
- Knowledge of rodeo

Appearance:

This will be judged throughout the contest. This portion is worth a total of 15 points. The aim of this division is to select a candidate who rates high in the following:

- Posture & Grace
- Poise and lady-like behavior in all situations
- General appearance and attractiveness
- Grooming neatness and cleanliness in all areas (Make-up, hair, clothes, etc.).
- Western attire must be worn for all aspects of the competition. This includes western hat, boots, and western type dresses and rodeo attire.

On-Stage Question:

This portion is worth a total of 10 points. The aim of this division is to select a candidate who rates high in the following:

- Content of answer
- Answering the question directly
- Time limit of :30 for answer
- Posture and confidence

Speech:

This portion is worth a total of 10 points. The aim of this division is to select a candidate who rates high in the following:

- Content of speech
- Information given
- Time limit reached
- Posture and confidence
- Speech Time Limits:
 - o Princess-1 minute. Topic "My Horse"
 - o Teen 2 minutes. Topic "Rodeo What It Means To Me"
 - Queen 2 minutes. Must not go over time more than 30 seconds or under time more than 30 seconds. Topic "Who is my biggest Influencer and why?"

Horsemanship:

This portion is worth a total of 50 points. The aim of this division is to select a candidate who rates high in the following:

- Riding and showmanship abilities
- Abilities to control the horse
- Hands set and seat
- Posture
- Grooming and horse and rider
- Rodeo & Equine knowledge
- Execution of pattern
- Knowledge of horse

No stud horses, gaited horses, or mules will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the contestant to know the pattern provided by the Iron Saddle Rodeo Organization prior to the competition. Equal time will be given to all contestants.

Dress requirements: western jeans, Iron Saddle Rodeo provided rodeo shirt, cowboy hat, and boots. No fringe or chaps. Spurs are discouraged, but optional. Tie downs are also optional. All contestants in the Teen and Queen division should use split reins. Each contestant should be sure that hats are secure and will not fall off during the pattern.

SCORING:

Should an unfair situation arise through no fault of the contestant, she may be granted a re-ride by the judges and the scoring shall be re-done as well. This decision is left to the judges. Scores are determined by the judges throughout the contest. The total points will determine the winner in each age group. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest score in personality will be declared the winner. If there should be a tie again, the contestant with the highest combined score between personality, appearance and speech shall be declared the winner. After the contest, the Rodeo Committee will keep the scoring sheets so that copies can be made for the files and the originals will be mailed to each contestant the week following the rodeo.

Speech, On-Stage Question and Modeling:

Contestants will be asked to complete a short modeling routine and then go directly into their prepared speeches and on-stage question from the judges. Contestants are asked to wear western dresses for this portion of the contest.

Horsemanship:

Teen division and Miss division will each have their own horsemanship pattern. Upon completion of the pattern the contestant will perform a "queen's run" (hot lap) once around the arena and carry a flag in a "flag run" once around the arena. Patterns will be provided to contestants ahead of the competition.