



GUIDELINES FOR THE MISS RODEO UTAH PAGEANT

WHO IS MISS RODEO UTAH: *Miss Rodeo Utah symbolizes the young women of our state who wish to further promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, promotes the great western way of life. She is also the ideal All-American Girl and is the young woman who will represent rodeo as she travels the length and breadth of the State of Utah.*

While spreading goodwill for her community and state, Miss Rodeo Utah is garnering the richest experience of her life and laying the foundation for her future. The young woman that wants to be a leader in her community and further promote our western way of life is the girl we are looking for within our state. She is a person who loves horses, rodeo and all that they represent. She is a role model to exemplify to the youth of the State of Utah what can be accomplished in this western environment.

Miss Rodeo Utah serves as an ambassador of rodeo to the general public, portraying excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflects careful and humane treatment of animals. She must understand the sport of rodeo and the people that enjoy rodeo as a professional sport. She is expected to act, speak, and dress according to the prestige the title deserves at all times during her reign.

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY: *The following are the general guidelines for eligibility for the Miss Rodeo Utah Pageant:*

- **** *Each contestant must have obtained the age of 19 years and shall not have obtained the age of 26 years by December 31, of the year of competition.*
- **** *Have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent of a high school education.*
- **** *She shall never have been married. The winner of the Miss Rodeo Utah title shall also agree not to marry during the year of her reign. If she should marry, or for any reason not be able to fulfill her obligations, all benefits and gifts as well as the title will be removed from her and passed to the First Runner-up in that years pageant.*
- **** *She shall waiver liability. She shall be a legal resident of the State of Utah. She shall never have been a previous Miss Rodeo Utah Queen.*

- ** *All contestants are required to abide by the pageant rules and regulations with possible disqualification for infraction of those rules.*
- ** *Should circumstances ever occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, she will be disqualified from the pageant competition.*
- ** *If the Miss Rodeo Utah title holder has ever been pregnant, is pregnant or becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her crown and all benefits and gifts received from the pageant and title.*
- ** *The Miss Rodeo Utah queen is required to sign a contract that defines the requirements during her reign. She will meet with pageant officials following the pageant competition to review and sign this document.*

DIVISIONS OF JUDGING: *There will be 4 judges. They will judge each major category of personality, appearance, and horsemanship. Judging will also occur in the areas of public speaking and photogenic ability. Each contestant will have the opportunity to be judged informally, in formal interviews, during luncheons, breakfasts, fashion show, speeches and horsemanship competition; as well as any other activities deemed appropriate by the pageant committee or judges. A criterion within each major area of judging includes the following:*

HORSEMANSHIP DIVISION: *The purpose of this division is to select the young woman who scores the highest in:*

- ** *Horsemanship control of mount and handling in various riding patterns.*
- ** *Ability to sit a saddle - balance; position of hands, feet and seat; and mounting and dismounting as well as presentation appearance rides.*

The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse. However, it is certainly recommended that you have your horse and tack clean and ready for competition. Please make sure your equipment is in good working order.

Each contestant will be interviewed by a panel of judges regarding general horsemanship knowledge with specifics in knowledge of tack, horse care, knowledge of professional rodeo, current PRCA standings, rodeo terminology, etc.

Patterns for horsemanship riding competition will be selected from the Miss Rodeo America patterns and/or AQHA reining patterns. The contestant will be required to mount and dismount, do presentation rides, follow and execute the patterns as outlined and/or ride in a free-style, open competition pattern of her choosing. Contestants may not use spurs during the competition or during the warming up of her horse. Tie-downs are permitted. During portions of the horsemanship competition, another contestant will ride your horse. Whatever bit, bridle, reins, and tie-down you use on your horse during your patterns will remain with the horse for the other contestants' use during the horsemanship competition.

Contestants must use the same horse for all horsemanship competitions.

PERSONALITY DIVISION: *The purpose of this division is to select the woman who scores the highest in the following areas:*

- ** Intelligence and knowledge of current events and the general ability to present herself to people in a positive manner.*
- ** Conversational ability in varied areas; grammar and proper use of English language is most important.*
- ** Genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy and diplomacy in all situations.*
- ** Ability to project her personality to people she may meet in a short time span; as well as being able to present herself positively in formal situations, in a riding area, or before an audience in other activities.*
- ** Showmanship - ability to present herself in a gracious manner, but also demonstrate ability to promote the professional sport of rodeo and serve in public events as a rodeo queen.*
- ** Have a happy outlook on life, general sense of humor, and ability to adapt to most situations requiring her presence.*
- ** General ability to handle herself in situations that require maturity, and leadership while maintaining a genuine ability to relate to the grassroots of rodeo.*

The judges in various situations will conduct interviews. The contestants should realize that they could be judged at any time during the pageant whether formally or informally. Judges will be asking a variety of questions and it should be expected that many of the questions would have some depth so those judges may determine the character and knowledge of each contestant. This is expected whether the contestant is being questioned on the sport of rodeo, current, national or local events, as well as items of major importance happening in the world. Each contestant should be prepared for a private interview with the judges.

APPEARANCE DIVISION: *The purpose of this judging division is to select the woman who scores the highest in:*

- ** General attractiveness, poise, and proper behavior in every situation.*
- ** Grooming - this is most important as the queen represents the State of Utah and the professional sport of rodeo. She must have neatness about her appearance and cleanliness is expected in every detail such as complexion, hands, hair, nails, fragrance, and clothing.*
- ** Meticulous care and condition of clothing worn in the competition is expected.*
- ** The following rules of dress must be adhered to during the pageant and no*

exceptions will be allowed:

- *Western dress is expected at all times during the pageant, other than informal events or leisure time for the contestants designated by pageant officials.*
- *Western boots will be worn with all outfits and may not be fashion boots.*
- *A western hat must be worn with all outfits during the competition. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition. No straw hats.*
- *Blouses should be a western, long-sleeved style. Revealing or transparent blouses are not allowed.*
- *Only wrangler brand pant products (any color) should be worn during the pageant when more casual attire is specified in the agenda.*
- *All clothing must be strictly western in style: accessories such as belts, buckles, hats, boots, skirts, blouses, jackets, dresses, split skirts, vests, etc. Chaps are not permitted.*
- *Dress should be western cut and long enough to cover the top of the boots. No short skirts allowed. A variety of sleeve lengths and collar styles are allowed. Sleeveless or revealing necklines are not permissible.*

****** *The contestant's posture and poise is important. She should have an awareness of fashionable western dress and style with particular attention given to proper fit, style, color, and coordination that enhances her total appearance.*

Judges will observe a contestant's posture, how she sits, walks, and models her outfits, the style she projects and her overall appearance and behavior. Judges will also be looking for individuality, imagination, versatility, creativity and how the contestant presents a complete image and appearance.

Judges will interview the contestants and may ask questions regarding familiarity of western wear, proper attire for western events, grooming, poise, style and any other areas as deemed appropriate.

STATE SPEECH: *Each contestant will be required to prepare and deliver a **2 minute** speech on "**The State of Utah**". A penalty will be assessed if the contestant goes over **2 minutes**. We are looking for creativity in developing a topic and the presence during the delivery of the speech. Points allocated for the state speech will be included in the total points.*

PHOTOGENIC ABILITY: *Photogenic judging occurs in the pageant and the highest score of all contestants is given an award. Points allocated by the judges for this division will be included in the total points.*

CONGENIALITY: *Contestants will each vote for the congeniality award to be*

given to the contestant that demonstrates a genuine caring and friendliness towards other contestants throughout the pageant activities. These points will not be included in the total points.

CONTESTANTS EXPENSES DURING THE PAGEANT: The Miss Rodeo Utah Pageant officials will pay for the room and board of each contestant during the official pageant activities. The hotel arrangements will be made by the committee and will be adhered to by each contestant. Family members, friends, or others may stay at the same hotel, but are required to make their own accommodations and **must pay for their own bills**. Family members, friends, or others are not allowed in the contestant's rooms or pageant judging areas unless specified in the agenda and/or as public events.

PARENTS AND RELATIVES: At no time during the pageant will parents or others associated with the contestant be allowed to interfere with the judges or pageant officials. These people will not be allowed in the general area of the horses and contestants during horsemanship competition. (This does not apply to getting your horse ready before horsemanship competition or as you return your horse for assistance immediately following completion of the horsemanship competition.)

The Miss Rodeo Utah Committee welcomes and encourages family, relatives, and friends to attend all events open to the public, or as designated in the agenda. Your support and assistance during the pageant is very important to your contestant. She needs encouragement and help during this time. We want the people associated with the contestants to have a good time and enjoy the special activities planned throughout the pageant.

CHAPERONES: Chaperones will be with the contestants throughout the entire pageant and will provide the assistance needed during the competition. This will include transportation to all events and supervision during all activities. Families will need to provide their own transportation, as well as provide for the complete care and feeding of the contestant's horse throughout the pageant.

AUDITOR: The official score sheets of the judges will be sealed in envelopes and delivered to the auditor for tabulation. The sheets will not be made public for any reason. **At no time will parents, contestants, or others be allowed to see the scoring or tabulation sheets.**

SANCTION AND FRANCHISE: The Miss Rodeo Utah Pageant has the official franchise and sanction of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. All rules and regulations are included within the guidelines of the Miss Rodeo Utah Pageant.

ENTRY FEE: each contestant shall submit an entry fee of \$100.00 with her official application on, or before, the deadline for entry. **A \$50.00 late fee will be assessed to all applications turned in after the deadline.**

The Miss Rodeo Utah Pageant Committee endeavors to provide a quality pageant worthy of your talents and efforts. We have fun during the competition and every young woman is encouraged to join in this annual pageant activity. Further information can be obtained from:

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