

MISS RODEO NORTH DAKOTA WINTER SHOW QUEEN COMPETITION 2018

PAGEANT RULES/ELIGIBILITY:

1. Contestant Eligibility: Each contestant in the Miss NDWS pageant shall on the date of the competition and final selection:

For Queen -- obtained the age of 17 years as of Jan. 1, 2018 and will be 18 by the state competition in October, but not more than 24 years of age as of Dec. 31 of the year for state competition

For the Junior Queen --obtained the age of 14, but not more than 16 by the date of our pageant

As well as:

- is a resident of the state of North Dakota
- has never been married and is not engaged to be married
- has no children or other minor dependents, is not pregnant
- does not drink, smoke or chew
- has executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions or precedents to competition
- abides by all rules and regulations of the Miss Rodeo NDWS pageant
- has no pending criminal charges at the time of the pageant and has not been issued or convicted of a felony offense, assault or protective order anytime within 6 months prior to the pageant
- has submitted the application and full payment - \$75 for queen or \$50 for jr. queen

2. Judging will consist of the following:
 - Horsemanship: pattern, interview/question, flag run
35 points possible
 - Modeling: appearance and personality
30 points possible
 - Personality: speech/personality/presentation, interview/questions
35 points possible

PAGEANT SCORING/JUDGING

Judges are hired by the PAGEANT DIRECTOR and are chosen based on their knowledge and expertise, as well as how they will make the contest a positive experience for all the young ladies competing.

Questioning the committee members/directors choice of judges shall be done through proper procedure:

- Contact committee member/director before the pageant, or an hour before coronation. Bring your concern in writing, with your signature.
- The committee will review the concern and make a decision as to how the committee will handle the situation. Their decision is final.
- If continuance of complaints occurs (considered harassment) after the pageant because of this decision, or no action is taken at appropriate time, the committee has the right to request removal of attendance of contestant/parents/acquaintances from current and future pageants.

Judges are hired to judge; committee members/director give the judges instructions on filling out the judging form. Contestant information provided to the judges is that on the applications only.

The committee never has access to the questions that the judge will be asking during interview and horsemanship; questions are prepared by the judge, from the many questions that can be asked and found online, thus one person does not have an advantage over another. The committee will support and stand behind the judge's decision.

COACHING/Assistance to Contestants

The pageant director and committee members are here to help you on this journey and make this the best possible experience for all contestants. The director and members will also help you the day of the pageant, answering questions, fixing hair and makeup, tack, holding your horse, clothing, etc., but you need to request this assistance. Reminder - the lack of preparation cannot be fixed the day of the pageant!

If a member/director agrees to coach one contestant they must be open to coach all contestants who contact and set up an appointment for coaching.

HORSEMANSHIP

All horses for the horsemanship competition will be provided by the stock contractor. The pattern will demonstrate basic reining skills, including speed control, lead changes, quiet/sliding stops, rollbacks, backing and pivots (spins). At the conclusion of the pattern, contestants will ride to the judges and dismount, answer questions, re-mount and leave the arena.

After all contestants have completed the first pattern, each will switch horses and then perform a free style pattern of their choosing. This pattern should demonstrate your style of riding, as well as everything listed above. Again you will ride to the judges and dismount, answer questions, remount and walk your horse to the entrance. There you will be handed a flag; you will do a flag run, circling the arena twice, first slow and then a fast hot lap and stop at the gate before exiting the arena.

Contestants will compete in alphabetical order for the first pattern and in reverse order for free style pattern. Tack should be adjusted before the start of the pattern, with the exception of adjustment of stirrup length, if needed.

Dress for horsemanship will be a plain white long sleeve western shirt (no fringe, sequins, crystals, ruffles or embellishments), jeans, western boots with a heel (no dress boots), hat, belt/buckle. Shirrtails must be tucked in. Accessories may be any color (hat, boots, and belt). NO chaps or spurs will be allowed.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Each contestant will have a personal interview with the judges prior to speeches and modeling. Length of interviews will be determined by the judges the day of the pageant.

Dress: Contestants may wear their speeches and modeling attire for the interviews; however, you will be allowed to change if you choose to wear a separate interview outfit prior to the fashion show.

MODELING/SPEECHES

Dress: Full western attire consisting of: western dress, western skirt and blouse or jacket combination, with western hat, boots and belt. Current trend should be evident. Contestants will wear their dress/skirt for modeling and speeches.

Arena Outfit: After speeches and modeling, the contestant will be allowed to change into an arena outfit if choosing to model and answer impromptu questions. Arena outfits should consist of hat, jeans, boots, and a rodeo appropriate western shirt. **Contestants may choose to wear their arena outfit for the Friday night performance.

SPEECH: 3 minutes in length

Your speech should consist of your personality and your sponsors: Your background with horses and/or rodeo. Why do you have YOUR sponsors? What's important about your sponsors? Sell yourself to the judges, make the audience better informed about you and your sponsors; dress will be full western attire, the same as in modeling. Following your speech the judges will ask interview questions.

FASHION SHOW

Following the modeling and speeches, there will be a quick fashion show with the visiting queens. This will give you a chance to shine before the judges, so be prepared to smile and strut your stuff!

AGENDA (subject to change)

Friday, March 9th

9:00 am.....Warm up for Horsemanship Competition (WA)
10:00 am.....Horsemanship Competition (MA)
3:00 pmMeet & Greet/Signing Autographs – (SEB)
6:00 pm.....Get ready for 7 pm rodeo grand entry
(this performance will be judged)

Saturday, March 10th

8:00 am.....Private Interviews (location TBD)
10:00 amModeling & Speeches – Queen & Jr. Queen Contestants
Fashion Show with visiting royalty (SEB)
12:30 pm.....Break for lunch
6:00 pm.....Coronation Rehearsal (WA)
6:30 pmCoronation (prior to the PRCA rodeo performance-MA)

****TBD**** Contestants may be invited to attend school and/or sponsor visits on Friday or Saturday if time allows.

For additional information, contact the Pageant Director,
Sam Bishop, at 701-412-8690, or email sam_bishop16@yahoo.com

Miss Rodeo NDWS Application

Title Applying for: (circle one)

Queen

Jr. Queen

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Parent's Address _____

Sponsor/Sponsors _____

Education (High School and/or College) _____

Scholastic Ambition _____

Scholastic Honors _____

Hobbies & Sports _____

Application deadline: FEBRUARY 15th, 2018

Submit this application, along with two 4x6 or 5x7 photos (a head and shoulder shot, with a western hat) a \$75 registration fee for the queen application, or a \$50 for the jr. queen application, and the release form to the:

North Dakota Winter Show
PO Box 846
Valley City, ND 58072

Release of Liability

All NDWS Rodeo Queen Contestants must sign the following statement prior to competing in the NDWS Rodeo Queen/Junior Queen Pageant.

Release of Liability: By signing this document, you agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the North Dakota Winter Show Holding Company, its directors, officers, agents, employees and members from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees arising in whole or in part out of the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of you, your agents or invitees. I understand that all horses ridden on the NDWS property will be done so entirely at the rider's risk.

NDWS Queen/Junior Queen Contestant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature
If under 18 years of age

Date

Pageant Director

Date