

**MISS TEEN RODEO
NEBRASKA
2018
PAGEANT
HANDBOOK**

Under the Direction of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.
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PAGEANT DATES:
June 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 2018
North Platte, Nebraska

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an opportunity for young women
of high moral and ethical character to promote
Nebraska and the sport of rodeo

WELCOME

Welcome to the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Pageant. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee strives to provide a rewarding and memorable experience. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Evans, Contestant Contact. As a contestant in this program, you will need to read and understand the Handbook and Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska contract. These documents may be found on our website, missrodeonebraska.org. Thank you for becoming a part of this valuable program!

WHO IS MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA?

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is a young lady who strives to promote the State of Nebraska and the sport of professional rodeo, and in so doing, promotes the great western way of life. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is a talented, personable horsewoman with a vast knowledge of the sport of rodeo, the equine industry and the State of Nebraska. She is a young lady who enjoys travel and who has a sincere interest in garnering educational experiences which will assist in laying a solid foundation for her future.

THE HISTORY OF THE MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT

The concept of Miss Rodeo America was developed in 1955 by a group of gentlemen under the name International Rodeo Management. The same year, the first Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Dallas (Hunt) George of Lincoln, Nebraska, was crowned in Burwell, Nebraska. Dallas won the regional title in Omaha, Nebraska at the AkSarBen Rodeo in 1956 and went on to compete and win the Miss Rodeo America title in 1957.

In 2014, Dallas was inducted into the Miss Rodeo America Hall of Fame.

In 1957, Laura “Lolly” (Cameron) Klug won the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska, as well as the regional title at Ak-Sar-Ben, and further competed at Miss Rodeo America. In 1959, Lolly was selected Buffalo Bill Rodeo Queen and given the title of Miss Rodeo Northwest. She then competed a second time at Miss Rodeo America where she was selected second runner-up. In 2015, Lolly was inducted into the Miss Rodeo America Hall of Fame.

In 1991, after 36 years of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant being held in Burwell, Nebraska, the pageant was moved to Nebraska’s official state celebration, NEBRASKAland DAYS and the Buffalo Bill PRCA Rodeo in North Platte, Nebraska. In addition, NEBRASKAland DAYS began presenting a \$1,000 scholarship each year to the young woman chosen as Miss Rodeo Nebraska. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Scholarship Program has continued to grow and at this time is able to award over \$16,000 in scholarships and tuition.

MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS

- 2006 Jennifer Calvin – North Platte, NE
2007 Tamara Moorhead – Ogallala, NE
2008 Kristin Kohmetscher – Lawrence NE 2018
Miss Rodeo Nebraska
2009 Matisyn Humphrey – Grant, NE
2010 Shelby Peters – Red Cloud, NE
2011 Dakota Clough – Ogallala, NE
2012 Karlie Osborne – Hershey, NE
2013 Robin Ferguson – Gordon, NE
2014 Carly Woerman – North Bend, NE
2015 Taytum Dickman – Lincoln, NE
2016 Taylor Fugate – North Platte, NE
2017 Molly Paxton – Mullen, NE



MISS RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS & HONORS

- 1955-1956 Dallas (Hunt) George, Lincoln, NE
Midwest Reg MRA @ Ak-Sar-Ben
1956 Miss Rodeo Nebraska
2014 MRA Hall of Fame
- 1957 Laura (Cameron) Klug, Aurora, NE
Midwest Reg MRA @ Ak-Sar-Ben
1959 MRA 2nd Runner-up
2015 MRA Hall of Fame
- 1958 Julie (Bowers) Wiltse, Verdon, NE
- 1959 Beverly (Kicken) Jensen (deceased)
Ellsworth, NE
MRA Horsemanship
- 1960 Christine (Iram) McGinley (deceased)
Bartlett, NE
- 1961 Kathie O'Brien, Denton, NE
MRA 1st Runner-up
MRA Horsemanship
- 1962 Marilee (Helms) Jirkovsky, Hastings, NE
MRA 2nd Runner-up
- 1963 Mary Lou (Farmer) Bird, Valentine, NE
- 1964 Sharon Kay (Larson) Rosander, Wolbach, NE
- 1965 Patricia (Hamburger) Larson, Scottsbluff, NE
- 1966 Nancy Ann (Simmons) Brannon, Omaha, NE
- 1967 Miss Rodeo America
MRA Personality & Appearance
- 1967 Jean (Mohr) Estill, Amelia, NE
- 1968 Ann (Wendell) Mills, Wilcox, NE
MRA Horsemanship
- 1969 Rhonda (Christensen) Richardson,
Fullerton, NE
- 1970 Kay Wilson, North Platte, NE
- 1971 Maureen Manning, Hemingford, NE
- 1972 Chris (Ferguson) Peterson, Ord, NE
- 1973 Teri (Holscher) Harris, Scottsbluff, NE
MRA 1st Runner-up
- 1974 Ruth (Krajewski) Saltz, Venango, NE
- 1975 Melanie (Kaliff) Bachman, Grand Island, NE
- 1976 Susan (Hagadone) Zulkoski, Cozad, NE
1977 Vicki (Kennedy) Weseman, Juanita, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
- 1978 Jeanne (Kral) Jeffrey, Lexington, NE
- 1979 Tana (Svoboda) Brinkman, Burwell, NE
- 1980 Shelli (Bokoskie) Wingett, Maxwell, NE
- 1981 Ginger ten Bensel, Wilsonville, NE
- 1982 Robin (Sellman) Meeks, Crawford, NE
- 1983 Chris (Wallace) Stage, Fremont, NE
Governor's Speech
- 1984 Johna (Klug) Niedfelt, Maxwell, NE
MRA Horsemanship
Top 10 Finalist
2015 Miss Rodeo America Executive Board
- 1985 Lisa (Reiter) Petska, Bartlett, NE
- 1986 Hanna (Doyle) Warren, Tryon, NE
- 1987 Jana (Powles) Jensen, Bingham, NE
MRA 2nd Runner-up
MRA Appearance & Personality
- 1988 Jodee (Coffman) Bell, Tryon, NE
- 1989 Christi (Copsey) Gaffney, Brewster, NE
- 1990 Lisa (Poese) Jamison, Gordon, NE
- 1991 Miss Rodeo America
MRA Personality & Horsemanship
- 1991 Holly (Hornung) Remund, Arnold, NE
MRA Congeniality
- 1992 Laurie Baker, Minatare, NE
- 1993 Kelley (Jensen) Ostrom, Burwell, NE
- 1994 Suzzette (Gaudreault) Sitorius, Cozad, NE
- 1995 Renee Ferguson, Decatur, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
- 1996 Angie (Jones) Gardner, Nora, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
- 1997 Stacy (Watkins) Bash, Alliance, NE
- 1998 Alison (Meyer) Osborne, Gothenburg, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
- 1999 Halie (Forre) Whitaker, Newman Grove, NE
- 2000 Kamera (Ferrell) Coles, Hays Springs, NE
MRA Top 5 Finalist
- 2001 Lindy (Nicholson) Kaufholtz, North Platte,
NE
- 2002 Lori (Bortner) Harding, McCook, NE
- 2003 Miss Rodeo America MRA
Personality
- 2003 Lynn Welker, Kilgore, NE
- 2004 Lindy (Quaney) Hiatt, North Platte, NE
MRA Central Regional Scholarship
Scrapbook – 3rd place
- 2005 Alesa (Chrisman) Jones, North Platte, NE

2006 Ashley (Rice) Gerlach, Wilsonville, NE
2007 Erin (Robbins) Mitchell, Burwell, NE
2008 Kristen (Schott) Wolken, Madison, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
2009 Amy Amack, Chadron, NE
Random Scholarship Winner
2010 Michelle (Boeshart) Whitson, Maxwell, NE
MRA 3rd Runner-up
WPRA Chap Award Winner
2011 Becky (Grimm) White, Harrison, NE
2012 Sierra Peterson, Ashland, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
WPRA Chap Award Winner
Written Test Co-winner
2013 Samantha Chytka, Broken Bow, NE
2014 Gina Jespersen, Hemingford, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
2015 Joni Qualm, Ericson, NE
MRA Top 10 Finalist
2016 Emily Taylor, Battle Creek, NE
MRA Miss Congeniality
2017 Laramie Schlichtemeier, Ogallala, NE
2018 Kristin Kohmetscher, Lawrence, NE

All past Miss Rodeo Nebraska Titleholders are lifetime members of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Contestant must not be less than 14, nor more than 17 years of age as of the first day of the contest.
2. Contestant must be a legal resident of the State of Nebraska and must live at home with a parent or legal guardian during her reign or maintain her legal address with a parent or legal guardian.
3. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one year prior to the entry closing date for the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.
4. Contestant shall not be a previous Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska or held the title of Miss Teen Rodeo in any other state.
5. Contestant must certify that she is not currently married and has never been married.
6. Contestant certifies that she is not a parent of any child and that she is not now and has never been pregnant nor terminated a pregnancy.
7. Contestant must be of good moral character and have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude.
8. Contestant must have never been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, excluding minor traffic offenses.
9. Contestant must give permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee for a public records search prior to her application being accepted by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee, including an internet search. She must also agree to a social media search and a background check, if deemed necessary.
10. Contestant certifies she has never been charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
11. Contestant shall execute all required consents and/or waivers prior to competition.

12. Contestant grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. to verify any and all information contained on her application and attest that the information she has provided is true.
13. Contestant agrees to abide by Pageant rules. Should circumstances occur that a Contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner during the Pageant, a meeting of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee will be held and proper measures will be taken, with the most severe being disqualification for infractions.
14. The Committee feels it is the duty and obligation of anyone in a competition of this status to portray the highest of moral and ethical standards, show the true ideals of young womanhood and set an example above reproach.
15. The winner of the Pageant agrees to not marry during the year of her reign. If she should marry or become pregnant, she will forfeit all prizes and monies received from the Pageant and during her reign as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska and her title will go to the first runner-up.
16. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.'s Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from participating in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and completely at the Board's discretion.
17. If the Contestant holds a title when competing for the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, the following requirements must be met: It is the Contestant's responsibility to contact the committee of whom she holds the crown and obtain a letter of approval from that committee to compete in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. This letter is due on April 1st, the contest deadline. If the Contestant should win the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, she will represent the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska in all state appearances with the exception of that previous title's rodeo. The newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will have until October 1st of the same year to crown her successor. All decisions are made at the discretion of the Executive Board of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.

18. All Contestants vying for the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska are requested to attend the Miss Rodeo Nebraska pre-Pageant meeting. This will be held in April in North Platte, Nebraska, and you will receive notification of the meeting location, date and time. A parent or guardian is requested to attend as well. Failure to participate could result in a reduction of points by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Judges. Should an emergency situation arise where attendance is not possible, please submit a written letter stating your reason for nonattendance to Linda Evans, Contestant Contact, for review by the Judges.

ENTRY FORMS

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Contestant Contact must receive the official entry forms postmarked no later than April 1, 2018. The following will be required with the application:

- Non-refundable entry fee of \$125.
- Signed and completed entry application.
- One digital and three color, billfold-size head and shoulder photos of the same pose.
- Proof of residency.
- A copy of your birth certificate or registration of birth.
- Letter of recommendation from school official or teacher.

HOUSING

All Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Contestants will be lodged at the Mid-Plains Community College student housing. Rooms and meals will be furnished for the Contestants for the duration of the contest. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2017 will also stay at the college with one female family member 21 years of age or older or a family member approved by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Chairperson. No rooms or meals will be furnished for Contestant family members.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Possession of and use of all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, computers, iPads, tablets, etc.) by Contestants during competition is prohibited.

CHAPERONES

The Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Contestants will be under the supervision of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant chaperones from the time they arrive until after Coronation. The chaperones will escort the Contestants to and from all functions during the Pageant.

PARENTS AND RELATIVES

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, relatives and friends of the Contestants. A parent or guardian is required to attend orientation with the Contestant. No one will be permitted to fraternize with the Contestants or distract them after the Pageant begins. Contestants cannot communicate with family or friends during the Pageant unless authorized by their chaperones or the Pageant Committee. Social time with the Contestants will be designated on the public schedule.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Grievance Committee, during the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, will be comprised of three members: The Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, a Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant chairperson and one Miss Rodeo Nebraska Contestant parent selected at orientation. These Grievance Committee members will be available at all times during the Pageant. The National Director will be the contact and spokesperson for the Committee. The National Director and/or the appointed Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee member will attend all functions of the Pageant.

Any grievance must be filed by a Contestant to be a valid grievance. No grievance from parents, guardians, trainers, family or third party will be acknowledged. The grievance must be handwritten, signed and delivered to the Grievance Committee spokesperson and must be filed within three hours of the event being protested. A grievance must address a single event.

When the Grievance Committee spokesperson receives the grievance, a meeting will be called and the Grievance Committee will review the grievance. Once the grievance is reviewed, the Committee will make a decision whether to act upon, reject or disregard the grievance.

- The Grievance Committee and Contestant with a concern will not discuss the grievance with anyone, including parents, other Contestants, Judges, etc.
- The Grievance Committee will interview the accused.
- The Grievance Committee must make a decision based on facts. They must be certain, without a doubt, that the misconduct or misrepresentation by the accused was intentional or that there was an infraction of a rule. If the Committee feels the grievance needs to be acted upon, they will take the

complaint to the President of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. and the Head Judge of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.

- The Grievance Committee must come to a majority decision.
- The Pageant will continue as scheduled until decisions have been made.
- No grievances may be based solely on the scoring by Judges.

TRANSPORTATION

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee will provide all transportation for Contestants as needed for Contestant functions. Transportation for family members will not be furnished.

HORSES

Contestants must arrange for someone else to care for their horse(s) as the Contestants will not be given time to feed, exercise or attend to the general care of their horses during the course of the contest.

Horses must be at the Wild West Arena prior to the Sunday afternoon horsemanship competition. The newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2018 must also have her horse available at the Wednesday evening performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Grand Entry and Miss Rodeo Nebraska Coronation. She will be introduced and will make a Queen's Run at that performance only.

Following the Queen's Run, she will be asked to remove her crown and banner and will not represent her new title as Miss Rodeo Teen Nebraska until after the last performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo. However, the newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will be considered Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Lady-in-Waiting until

after the final performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo and all rules contained herein will apply.

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will ride her horse in the NEBRASKAland DAYS parade the year of her full reign as MTRN.

AWARDS

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska receives the following prizes:
Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Saddle, Buckle, Banner Pin, Banners

SCHOLARSHIPS

Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Educational Scholarship
Mid-Plains Community College

Two-year scholarship – full tuition – according to guidelines
Additional awards for first runner-up and category winners.

WRITTEN TEST

Contestants will be required to take a written test consisting of questions relating to the sport of rodeo, equine knowledge, current events, the Pageant handbook and the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Association rule book, etc. The Written Test score will count toward the Contestant's total score. Tests will be presented to the Judges for their reference.

MISS CONGENIALITY

All Contestants will vote for Miss Congeniality during the Pageant.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Your posts on any social media platform should always reflect exemplary conduct. Please conduct yourself accordingly through your words and photos. Any negative or harmful displays on social media will be addressed by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Executive Committee and could result in removal of your crown.

PHOTOGENIC

A Photography event will take place at the contest.

MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT JUDGING GUIDELINES

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is judged in three categories: horsemanship, personality and appearance. In addition, the scores from the Contestant's speech, interview(s), extemporaneous question(s), style show presentations, written test, etc. are included.

A. JUDGES

- a.** Three Judges will judge all categories of the Pageant. Scores will be totaled for each Contestant each time they are judged.
- b.** Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition. They have an awareness of correct western dress, they are knowledgeable about the sport of professional rodeo and they are experienced, western-type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging these events.
- c.** All decisions of the Judges are final.
- d.** The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee will institute appropriate standards for Judges to ensure that all Judges are impartial and have an appropriate level of experience in the field. The

Committee will have the final decision on the selection of Judges for the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.

- e. In the event of a dispute concerning the decision of the Judges, such dispute shall be settled by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, a Pageant Chairperson and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. President. Review of the dispute shall be limited to determining if the Judges acted in good faith, impartially and in accordance with the applicable rules. If any Judge is found to have acted in violation of these rules, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, Pageant Chairperson and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. President, at their discretion, may remove such Judge and may take any remedial action they deem appropriate. All decisions of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, Pageant Chairperson and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. President are final.
- f. Ties for category winners will be broken by referring back to Judge No. 1. Judge No. 1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge No. 2's score will be used.
- g. A tie in the overall score for Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska shall be broken by using the highest overall Horsemanship score.
- h. Judges will be asked to spend as much time with each Contestant as possible without showing favoritism. This will include informal talks with them during meals and various events.
- i. Following the Coronation, all official Judges' score sheets will be delivered to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director.

B. JUDGED EVENTS

Horsemanship. The purpose of this division is to select a Contestant who scores highest in:

- a. Horsemanship. Control of the horse and the way any situation is handled.

- b. Balance. The ability to sit a saddle, position of hands, feet and seat.
- c. Mounting and dismounting.
- d. Care of the horse and saddling procedures. Questions may be asked.
- e. The understanding and skill of the Contestant will be judged, not the horse or the equipment.
- f. The Contestant may be interviewed on any category, including knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, knowledge of rodeo, its history, terminology, organization, standard events and what's current in the rodeo world. Excellent sources of information are the ProRodeo Sports News, the Official PRCA Rule Book, the PRCA website and the Official Pro-Rodeo Media Guide, all of which are available from the PRCA Office, 101 Pro-Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.
- g. Contestant will draw for the order in which she will compete and also draw for her second round horse. She will be scored on her appearance and the personality she projects during both Horsemanship patterns.
- h. The Judges will have the option of rail work from all Contestants together or individually which will be performed on a draw horse.
- i. The Contestant will be responsible for providing her own flag boot.
- j. Dress for the Horsemanship contest will be a western, long-sleeved shirt that may be colored and/or tailored but no embellishments of any kind, western blue jeans, belt, boots and a hat. No vests, jackets or chaps. Spurs are not allowed. All attire should be neat and fit properly. Sponsor consideration is appreciated.

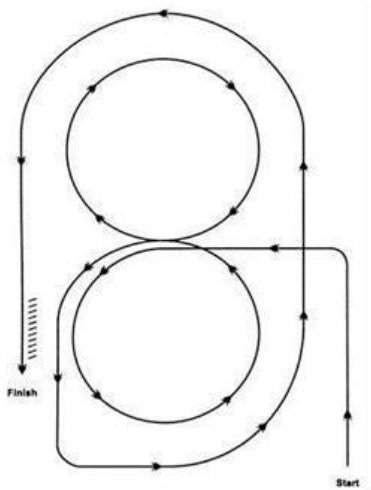
(Wrangler is the National sponsor of the Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship contest.)
- k. Showmanship should be considered since your personality does project from horseback to the audience and Judges.
- l. Rain gear is appropriate if needed.

- m. Equine boots are allowed.
- n. Stallions are not allowed.
- o. Use of hackamores/mechanical hackamores, gag bits or martingales will not be allowed.
- p. No one, including coaches, family or friends of the Contestant, will be allowed in the arena prior to or during the Horsemanship competition. If it is discovered that someone associated with a Contestant has been in the arena, that Contestant will have 25 points deducted from her total Horsemanship score. This will be strictly enforced.
- q. Only one horse can be used by one Contestant during the Horsemanship competition.
- r. No member of the Executive Board, Pageant Committee, nor their immediate family shall loan a horse to any Contestant for the Horsemanship competition of the Pageant.
- s. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.
- t. The winner of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Horsemanship category will be the Contestant with the highest cumulative points received in the Horsemanship go-round and interview.

Any questions related to Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska must be directed to Michelle (Boeshart) Whitson (580) 374-7838.

HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN ROUND 1

CONTESTANT WILL RIDE HER OWN HORSE



Horsemanship Pattern:

1. Do an extended jog alongside of the arena, then to center.
2. Begin loping at the center of the arena and lope left circle on the left lead.
3. A flying lead change at the center of the arena and lope right circle on the right lead.
4. A flying lead change at center of the arena and continue loping around the end of the arena.
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around the end of the arena.
6. Stop and back.
7. Ride forward to the Judges and dismount. Present yourself to the Judges for questions. When you are dismissed by the Judges, mount and trot to the gate, then stop.

8. Pick up the flag and do a flag run using the entire arena. Stop at the gate and leave the flag with the Ring Steward.
9. Do the presentation run (Queen Salute) using the entire arena, then stop at the gate and exit the arena.

The Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.

HORSEMANSHIP ROUND 2

CONTESTANT WILL RIDE A DRAW HORSE

Round 2: For the second round, the Contestants will show their equitation and arena presence in small groups, also referred to as “rail work.” The Contestant’s overall poise, confidence, appearance and position throughout the rail work will be evaluated. Position is meant to refer to the Contestant’s body position while riding, and how the Contestants position their horse relative to the other Contestants while riding on the rail. These small groups will not involve more than 12 riders at a time.

The groups will receive their working direction and gait instructions from the Horsemanship competition’s announcer. A Pageant official will manage the arena to ensure all Contestants receive the same opportunity (time) to demonstrate their Horsemanship skills. The rail work will include the Contestants showing their Horsemanship skills at a walk, trot, and lope for both directions of the arena (clockwise and counter-clockwise).

At the Judges’ discretion, the Contestants may be asked to execute an extended trot, a stop from any gait, and backing their horses while on the rail. The Judges may request the Contestants to line up in the arena’s center upon direction from the attending ring steward (an MRN Pageant official), at which time they may request maneuvers such as riding their horse forward and then backing in to line, and/or dismounting/remounting their horse.

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JUDGING GUIDELINES CONTINUED

Personality. The purpose of this division is to select a Contestant who scores highest in:

- a. Intelligence. Good common sense.
- b. Education. Conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- c. Attractiveness. Not necessarily to mean beauty, but rather whether the Contestant radiates self-confidence without making an issue of it, shows maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
- d. Personality Reflections. Includes the Contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism and eye appeal.
- e. A genuine interest in other people, in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and in rodeo with a noticeable consideration of others.
- f. Self-Projection. The ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback, in an arena, on television or before an audience. Also considered are a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire and enthusiasm.
- g. Happy outlook on life.
- h. Promptness in keeping Pageant schedule.
- i. Public Appearances. Contestant's opportunity to speak to an audience with facts and interesting information. Contestants will answer extemporaneous questions which will require the Contestant to think on her feet and to show maturity, intelligence, wisdom and imagination.

- j. Judges will have a résumé containing a brief list of hobbies and other activities of each Contestant. The Judges may ask you questions pertinent to your résumé.
- k. Personality scores will be accumulated not only from the personality interviews but from the other areas of competition, such as horsemanship, TV and radio interviews, horsemanship interview, style show modeling, group interview, speech and impromptu questions.
- l. The winner of the Personality category will have the highest cumulative total of personality scores received in all judged events.

Appearance. The purpose of this division is to select the Contestant who scores highest in:

- a. Attractiveness.
- b. Grooming. To include neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair and clothing. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a lady to be considered for Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska.
- c. Poise and Posture. Ladylike behavior in EVERY situation.
- d. Knowledge of Proper Western Attire. Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable and appropriate in western dress, with particular attention given to color coordination. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination. They will be observing how a Contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality, including the length of her pants, shirts and jackets and the crease and shape of her hat. No fashion boots will be allowed. (Roper style is accepted on the state level). Cleavage must be covered, bras are required and long sleeves are preferred. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Contestants may be questioned on their familiarity of western wear.
- e. Appearance scores will be accumulated throughout all areas of competition to include horsemanship, all interviews, style show

modeling and speech. The winner of the Appearance category will have the highest cumulative total of appearance scores received in all judged events.

Speech. Each Contestant will give a two-minute speech about the State of Nebraska or an aspect of the State of Nebraska. Notes are discouraged and no props will be allowed. Contestants are judged on the content, correct grammar usage, delivery, introduction, conclusion, quality of voice and listening ability. The Judges may deduct points for going over or under the two-minute time limit. The Speech score will be added in the total points for the contest. The winner of the Speech competition will be announced at Coronation.

Interviews. Each Contestant will be interviewed individually and privately by the Judges and may be interviewed on many categories. Judges' questions will test the Contestant's knowledge of the Pageant, professional rodeo, horsemanship and current affairs. Other interview topics could include knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, knowledge of rodeo, its history, terminology, organization, standard events and what's current in the rodeo world. Excellent sources of information are the Pro Rodeo Sports News, the Official PRCA Rule Book, the PRCA website and the official Pro Rodeo Media Guide, all of which are available from the PRCA office, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919.

During the individual interviews, answers should be in-depth so that the Judges can determine the character and knowledge of each Contestant. The interview length should be sufficient for Contestant and Judges to communicate. Questions will pertain to horsemanship, appearance and personality and will be scored in all three divisions.

In addition, the Contestants will be interviewed as a group and also judged during their TV and radio interviews.

Extemporaneous Questions. Extemporaneous questions will be asked of each Contestant during various Pageant functions. These scores will become part of the overall Personality score. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo, current events and/or a personality-type question.

AUDITORS

At the end of each round, each Judge will place their scorecard in a manila envelope, seal it and sign his or her name across the flap. The Judges will then turn their envelopes in to the National Director. The Director will deliver the sealed envelopes to an auditor, who is an area accountant, and will then compile the scores in private.

When the judging has been completed, the auditor will determine which Contestant has scored the highest in each division. The highest grand total score will be Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. Second highest total score will be First Runner-up.

The original Judges' scorecards, along with a notarized tally sheet, will be officially filed with National Director. Score sheets with Judges' comments only (no points) will be sent to individual Contestants upon the Contestant's request following the Pageant.

PAGEANT DRESS CODE FOR MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA 2018 CONTESTANTS

Orientation, Horsemanship, Photogenics, and Queen's BBQ (same outfit): A western, long-sleeved shirt that may be colored and/or tailored but no embellishments of any kind, western blue jeans, belt, boots and a hat. No vests, jackets or chaps.

Personality Interviews: Dress or skirt and jacket. This outfit will also be worn at the Speech Competition. No accessory changes will be allowed.

Horsemanship Interview: A western, long-sleeved shirt that may be colored and/or tailored but no embellishments of any kind, western blue jeans, belt, boots and a hat. No vests, jackets or chaps.

Speech Competition: This outfit is the same outfit worn during your Personality Interviews.

Style Show: Dress or skirt and jacket. No accessory changes will be allowed. This outfit will also be worn at the MTRN Coronation.

Sponsor Visits: Jean outfit.

MTRN Coronation: Dress or skirt and jacket. This outfit is the same outfit worn during the Style Show. No accessory changes will be allowed.

NOTE: A) This dress code is intended for Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Contestants and does not pertain to the reigning Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska; and B) This dress code is subject to change. Any changes will accompany the final schedule presented at the pre-Pageant Contestant meeting.

ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRINT AT MISSRODEONEBRASKA.ORG

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2018



Official Entry Form **Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska**
Ages 14-17 | Entry Fee \$125

Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____, NE Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Cell No. _____

Email Address _____

Mother _____ Father _____

Address _____

City _____, NE Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Name of Primary Local Newspaper

Contact Person

Website _____

Address _____

City _____, NE Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Email Address _____

- Entry Fee
- Copy of your birth certificate or registration of birth.
- One digital and three color, billfold-size head and shoulder photos of same pose.
- *MRN has the right to use photos for publicity purposes.*
- Proof of residency: Driver's License, etc.

Letter of recommendation from school official or teacher.

PLEASE MAIL ENTRIES AND FEES TO

NOTE: You must use this form for entry into the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Failure to do so will result in your disqualification.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

SPECIAL INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES:

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS:

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE MISSION:

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA:

I hereby state that all the information above is true and correct.

APPLICANT

DATE: _____

We (I) hereby give consent and approval of our (my) daughter entering the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant under the rules and conditions set forth. We (I) agree to waive liability of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant en route to and from, during the contest and the NEBRASKAland DAYS-BUFFALO BILL RODEO celebration.

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

DATE: _____

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

Under the Direction of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.

- A. Contestant must not be less than 14, nor more than 17 years of age as of the first day of the contest. Contestant must be a permanent resident of the State of Nebraska and must live at home with a parent or legal guardian during her reign or maintain her legal address with parent or legal guardian. Contestant must provide a copy of her birth certificate. Contestant is a citizen of the United States of America.
- B. Gender, Contestant is female and has always been female.
- C. Contestant is currently enrolled in a high school in the State of Nebraska.
- D. Contestant is in good health and does not have any health concerns which would prevent full participation in this contest or from serving as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska if selected.
- E. Contestant is not currently married and has never been married. If she should marry or become pregnant, the title will go to the first runner-up and she will forfeit all prizes and monies received from the Pageant and during her reign as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. All of the above will be returned to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc Executive Board in like new condition.
- F. Contestant is not a parent of any child and she is not and has never been pregnant nor terminated a pregnancy.
- G. Contestant is of good moral character, has never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude, crime or misdemeanor, excluding minor traffic offenses, nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
- H. Contestant does not use illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed.) Contestant does not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- I. Contestant will have executed all required consents and/or waivers of liability prior to the competition.
- J. Contestant hereby grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. to verify any and all information contained on her application and attests that the information she has provided is true.
- K. Contestant is subject to a public records search prior to her application being accepted by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee, including an internet search. Contestant agrees to a social media search. Contestant consents to a background check, if deemed necessary.

- L. Contestant is not under any contractual obligations which would interfere with her ability to participate in this contest or interfere with her ability to perform as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, if selected. M. It is the duty and obligation of anyone in a competition of this status to portray the highest of moral and ethical standards, show the true ideals of young womanhood and set an example above reproach.
- N. Contestant must agree to abide by Pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
- O. If you hold a title when competing for the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, the following requirements must be met: It is the Contestant’s responsibility to contact the committee of whom she holds the crown and obtain a letter of approval from that committee to be able to compete in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. This letter is due on April 1st, the contest deadline. If the Contestant should win the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, she will represent the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska in all state appearances with the exception of that previous title’s rodeo. The newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will have until October 1st of the same year to crown her successor. All decisions are made at the discretion of the Executive Board of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.
- P. No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation: Contestant has not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to Contestant’s reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. including any and all social networking sites and/or any internet sites. (If Contestant has any concerns about the applicability of this provision, Contestant acknowledges she has been advised to discuss this with a representative of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. prior to signing this form.)

I hereby state that I have read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations Book of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. and the requirements of Contestant Eligibility stated above.

APPLICANT

DATE: _____

We (I) do hereby state that we (I) have read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations Book of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. and the requirements of Contestant Eligibility stated above.

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S)

DATE: _____

CONTESTANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made between the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, in the City of North Platte, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Pageant" and _____, of _____ (city) Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Contestant".

WHEREAS, Contestant desires to compete in the Pageant,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the mutual benefits derived here from and other good and valuable consideration provided each unto the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by delivery hereof, it is agreed:

Contestant represents she (a) has read all Pageant rules and regulations; (b) has received a complete copy of all Pageant rules and regulations; (c) has otherwise been fully advised as to any and all written and/or verbal amendments, if any, to Pageant rules and/or regulations; (d) understands each and every rule and/or regulation, and (e) had full opportunity to present all questions regarding the rules and regulations, and all such questions have been fully answered.

1. Contestant will adhere to and comply with all Contest rules and regulations.
2. The Pageant shall, upon observing or being informed of any violation of and/or perceived violation of any Pageant rule and/or regulation:
 - a. Contestant of the alleged and/or perceived violation at the earliest and most proximate time to the instance, but in no event, not to be less than five hours of the scheduled naming of the contest winner(s) and
 - b. In no way act to withhold information as to deprive the Pageant of the opportunity to determine alleged violations. In this regard, Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, a Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee member selected by the National Director and one teen Contestant parent who will be selected at orientation are hereby designated as the Grievance Committee and will receive any and all alleged and/ or perceived rule violation(s).
3. Unless timely reported as defined above in paragraph 3(a), each and every alleged violation of and/or perceived violation of the Pageant rules and/or regulations shall be deemed waived and the complaining party shall be stopped from presenting allegations regarding the same.
4. The Pageant agrees that, with respect to reported violation(s), it shall (a) timely and fully investigate each allegation; (b) report its findings to the person presenting the allegation and (c) enforce the rules and regulations any Contestant found to have violated the same.

5. Contestant agrees that the Pageant is the sole and exclusive entity to determine the existence and/or nonexistence of a violation of the rules and regulations and that Contestant shall be bound by the Pageant's determination, the same to be final and binding between the parties hereto. Contestant further agrees that the Pageant is the sole and exclusive authority to interpret and enforce its rules and regulations.

6. In any legal proceeding in which the Pageant will be awarded any judgment enforcing any term and/or condition of this Agreement, the Pageant, its employees, agents, sponsors and/or representatives shall also receive reasonable attorney fees and all costs incurred in the prosecution and/or defense of said action.

Made and executed on this, the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

_____ BY JONI JESPERSEN, MRA
NATIONAL DIRECTOR-NE

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

CONTESTANT'S NAME:

DATE: _____

1. I hereby enter the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska, submit the entry fee of \$125 and hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.

2. I understand there are certain risks involved in competing in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and in participating in the Pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo and hereby assume all risk of injury to myself and/or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska.

3. In consideration of acceptance of my application to compete in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, I, myself and my heirs, legatees, personal representatives and assigns, do hereby release the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, NEBRASKAland DAYS and the Buffalo Bill Rodeo, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. and their respective officers, directors, members and employees of from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort for injury sustained to my person and/or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in any part of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant or pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo.

4. I represent and certify that I have permission and consent of my parents and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities.

5. I certify that my attendance and participation in the stated activities is voluntary.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

DATE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE: _____

PAGEANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Contestant's Full Name: _____

Date Of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Motel: _____

Room #: _____ Phone: _____

(This is the location where the parent or guardian is staying in North Platte during the pageant.)

Please indicate another person to contact if an accident occurs and we are unable to reach you:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Is The Contestant currently being treated for any illness or injury? ___ If yes, please explain:

Is the Contestant presently on any medication? ___ If yes, please explain:

Any allergies:

CONTESTANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN

PRINT

Please print and signature in all designated lines

MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF SCORING CRITERIA

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Scoring Matrix

Judged Event	MAJOR CATEGORIES			Presentation & Knowledge	Total
	Personality	Appearance	Horsemanship		
Horsemanship 1st Round (Pattern)	25	50	140	0	215
Horsemanship 2nd Round (Railwork)	25	0	100	0	125
Bar-B-Que	0	0	0	60	60
Personal Interview	60	60	0	60	180
Photogenics	25	25			50
Horsemanship Interview	60	60	60	0	180
Style Show, Modeling & Questions	50	50	0	50	150
Group Interview	25	25	0	50	100
Speech **	30	30	0	80	140
	300	300	300	300	1200

Total Possible Judged Points 1200

**Written Test - added once to
contestant's Overall Cumulative
Score 100**

- Photogenics Award
- Speech Award
- Personality Category Award
- Appearance Category Award
- Horsemanship Category Award

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