

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2019 PAGEANT HANDBOOK

**Under the direction of
Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.**

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PAGEANT DATES:

**June 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2019
North Platte, Nebraska**

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

April 1, 2019

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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 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 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 RODEO NEBRASKA?

Miss 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 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, was crowned in Burwell. Dallas won the regional title in Omaha at the Ak-Sar-Ben 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, the pageant was moved to Nebraska’s official state celebration, NEBRASKAland DAYS and the Buffalo Bill PRCA Rodeo in North Platte. 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 RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS & MISS RODEO AMERICA HONORS

1955-1956 Dallas (Hunt) George, Lincoln, NE	1972 Chris (Ferguson) Peterson, Ord, NE
Midwest Reg MRA @ Ak-Sar-Ben	1973 Teri (Holscher) Harris, Scottsbluff, NE
1956 Miss Rodeo Nebraska	MRA 1 st Runner-up
2014 MRA Hall of Fame	1974 Ruth (Krajewski) Saltz, Venango, NE
1957 Laura (Cameron) Klug, Aurora, NE	1975 Melanie (Kaliff) Bachman, Grand Island, NE Susan (Hagadone) Zulkoski, Cozad, NE
Midwest Reg MRA @ Ak-Sar-Ben	1977 Vicki (Kennedy) Weseman, Juanita, NE
1959 MRA 2 nd Runner-up	MRA Top 10 Finalist
2015 MRA Hall of Fame	1978 Jeanne (Kral) Jeffrey, Lexington, NE
1958 Julie (Bowers) Wiltse, Verdon, NE	1979 Tana (Svoboda) Brinkman, Burwell, NE
Beverly (Kicken) Jensen (deceased)	1980 Shelli (Bokoskie) Wingett, Maxwell, NE
Ellsworth, NE	1981 Ginger ten Bensel, Wilsonville, NE
MRA Horsemanship	1982 Robin (Sellman) Meeks, Crawford, NE
1960 Christine (Iram) McGinley (deceased)	1983 Chris (Wallace) Stage, Fremont, NE
Bartlett, NE	Governor's Speech
1961 Kathie O'Brien, Denton, NE	1984 Johna (Klug) Niedfelt, Maxwell, NE
MRA 1 st Runner-up	MRA Horsemanship
MRA Horsemanship	Top 10 Finalist
1962 Marilee (Helms) Jirkovsky, Hastings, NE	2015 Miss Rodeo America Executive Board
MRA 2 nd Runner-up	1985 Lisa (Reiter) Petska, Bartlett, NE
1963 Mary Lou (Farmer) Bird, Valentine, NE	1986 Hanna (Doyle) Warren, Tryon, NE
1964 Sharon Kay (Larson) Rosander, Wolbach, NE	1987 Jana (Powles) Jensen, Bingham, NE
Patricia (Hamburger) Larson, Scottsbluff, NE	MRA 2 nd Runner-up
1966 Nancy Ann (Simmons) Brannon, Omaha, NE 1967 Miss Rodeo America	MRA Appearance & Personality
MRA Personality & Appearance	1988 Jodee (Coffman) Bell, Tryon, NE
1967 Jean (Mohr) Estill, Amelia, NE	1989 Christi (Copsey) Gaffney, Brewster, NE
1968 Ann (Wendell) Mills, Wilcox, NE	1990 Lisa (Poese) Jamison, Gordon, NE
MRA Horsemanship	1991 Miss Rodeo America
1969 Rhonda (Christensen) Richardson, Fullerton, NE	MRA Personality & Horsemanship
1970 Kay Wilson, North Platte, NE	1991 Holly (Hornung) Remund, Arnold, NE
1971 Maureen Manning, Hemingford, 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	
2009	Amy Amack, Chadron, NE Random Scholarship Winner	
2010	Michelle (Boeshart) Whitson, Maxwell, NE MRA 3 rd 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, NEs 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	
2019	Eva Oliver, Merriman, NE	
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 – 3 rd 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	

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

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

1. You must be 19 by the first day of the pageant as you compete for Miss Rodeo Nebraska, and not older than 26 by December 31st of the year you compete at the Miss Rodeo America competition. Upon request, I will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, et.) verifying my age.
2. 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Legal residency shall be determined by a valid driver's license issued by the state of Nebraska and/or a voter's registration card. Proof of residency must be provided with the pageant entry.
3. Contestant shall not be a previous Miss Rodeo Nebraska or held the title of Miss Rodeo in any other state, nor shall she have previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
4. Contestant must have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent of a high school education.
5. Contestant certifies 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 and has never been pregnant nor terminated a pregnancy.
7. Contestant certifies she has never been charged and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
8. Contestant shall execute all required consents and/or waivers prior to competition.

9. 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 attests that the information she has provided is true.
10. Contestant agrees to abide by pageant rules. Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 Rodeo Nebraska and her title will go to the first runner-up.
13. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.'s Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from participating in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and completely at the board's discretion.
14. If the contestant holds a title when competing for the title of Miss 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. This letter is due on April 1, the contest deadline. If the

contestant should win the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska, she will represent the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Lady-in-Waiting in all state appearances with the exception of that previous title's rodeo. The newly crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska Lady-in-Waiting will have until November 1 of the same year to finish the reign of her previous title. All decisions are made at the discretion of the executive board of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.

15. Contestant shall not have previously had her Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant application denied, have been disqualified or had the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska forfeited in the past.
16. All contestants vying for the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska are requested to attend the Miss Rodeo Nebraska pre-pageant meeting. This will be held in April in North Platte, and you will receive notification of the meeting date, location 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, contestants should submit a written letter stating the reason for nonattendance to Linda Evans, contestant contact, for review by the judges.

ENTRY FORMS

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant contestant contact person, Linda Evans, shall receive the official entry forms postmarked no later than April 1, 2019. The following will be required with the application:

- Non-refundable entry fee of \$225.
- Signed and completed entry application.
- One digital and three color, billfold-size head and shoulder photos of the same pose.
- Proof of residency.
- Proof of high school graduation or equivalent.
- A copy of your birth certificate.

HOUSING

Contestants will be lodged at the Miss Rodeo Nebraska host hotel, and meals will be furnished. No lodging will be furnished for contestant family members.

Following the awards presentation, contestants will be dismissed, and the newly crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska will be taken back to the host hotel with her parents. She will be furnished a room for the night. The following morning, Miss Rodeo

Nebraska will have her first official photograph taken. She will sign the Miss Rodeo Nebraska contract in the presence and along with the Miss Rodeo Nebraska national director and Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. president. At the conclusion of this meeting, Miss Rodeo Nebraska will then be released to go home.

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 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 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 contestant parents will not be furnished.

HORSES

Horses will be provided for the horsemanship competition. Horses must be at the Wild West Arena prior to the Wednesday evening performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo grand entry and Miss Rodeo Nebraska Coronation. A family member is to meet the contestant as she exits the arena following coronation to take her horse.

AWARDS

The contestant with the highest score in the categories of horsemanship, personality and appearance will receive an award. Other major awards include photogenics, speech and written test.

Following coronation, Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant committee members will escort all contestants to the Wild West Pavilion to receive their awards. If any contestant fails to attend, they will forfeit all gifts, awards and scholarships. Sponsor pictures will be taken at this time as well.

Miss Rodeo Nebraska receives the following prizes: An engraved trophy saddle, \$1,000 scholarship from NEBRASKAland DAYS, Inc., Mid-Plains Community College two-year full tuition scholarship and a scholarship from the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Scholarship Fund; a buckle, a perpetual crown, entry fee to the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, money toward travel expenses, the use of the official Miss Rodeo Nebraska hat can and numerous other items.

First runner-up will receive a scholarship and various gifts. Category and award winners will receive scholarships and prize items at the pageant committee's discretion. All contestants receive souvenirs and various gifts representative of the contest.

WRITTEN TEST

Contestants will be required to take a written test consisting of questions relating to the sport of rodeo, equine knowledge, current events, Pageant handbook and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association rulebook, 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.

PHOTOGENIC

A photography event will take place at the contest which will carry a score of 35 points. These points will count in the total score.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The posts on any social media platform should always reflect exemplary conduct. Contestants should always conduct themselves accordingly through 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 the crown.

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT JUDGING GUIDELINES

Miss 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 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, pageant

chairperson and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.'s 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, the 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 and 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 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' scoresheets 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. Each contestant is required to ride a horse provided by the pageant committee. The judges 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.
 - g. The contestant will be responsible for providing her own flag boot.
- h. Dress for the horsemanship contest will be: A western, long-sleeved shirt which may be colored and/or tailored with or without embellishments, western jeans, which may be colored or blue jeans, belt, boots and a hat. No vests, jackets or chaps.

Gloves are not required. 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.)

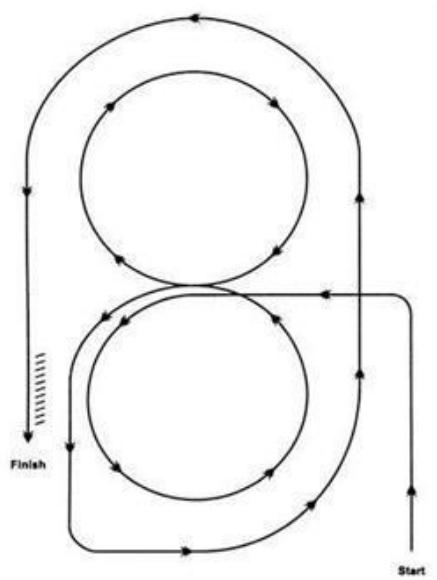
- i. Showmanship should be considered since your personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges.
- j. Rain gear is appropriate if needed.
- k. Equine boots are allowed.
- l. Stallions are not allowed.
- m. Use of hackamores/mechanical hackamores, gag bits or martingales will not be allowed.
- n. No one, including coaches, family or friends of the contestant, will be allowed in the arena prior to the horsemanship competition. If it is discovered that someone associated with a contestant has been in the arena, the contestant will have 25 points deducted from her total horsemanship score. This will be strictly enforced.
- o. Only one horse can be used by one contestant during the horsemanship competition.

The winner of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska horsemanship category will be the contestant with the highest cumulative points received in the two horsemanship go-rounds.

Any questions related to the horsemanship competition should be directed to

Michelle (Boeshart) Whitson (580) 374-7838.

HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN ROUND ONE



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 judge, mount and trot to the gate and stop.
8. Pick up the flag and do a flag run using the entire arena. Stop at the gate, leave the flag with the ring steward.
9. Do the presentation run (queen salute) using the entire arena. Stop at the gate and exit the arena.

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

HORSEMANSHIP ROUND TWO

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.

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 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

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

Interviews

- a. Each contestant will be interviewed individually and privately by the judges and may be interviewed on many categories.
- b. Judges' questions asked 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 pro rodeo, its history, terminology, organization, championship standings, standard events and what's current in the pro rodeo world. Excellent sources of information are the Pro Rodeo Sports News, the Official PRCA Rulebook, 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.

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

Extemporaneous Questions.

- a. Extemporaneous questions will be asked of each contestant during various pageant functions.
- b. These scores will become part of the overall personality score.
- c. 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 pageant chairperson. The chairperson will deliver the sealed envelopes to an auditor, who is an area accountant, who 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 Rodeo Nebraska. Second highest total will be first runner-up.

The original judges' scoresheets, along with a notarized tally sheet, will be officially filed with the national director.

Scoresheets 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 RODEO NEBRASKA 2019 CONTESTANTS

Orientation, Horsemanship, Photogenics and Queen's BBQ (same outfit): A western, long-sleeved shirt, which may be colored and/or tailored, with or without embellishments, western jeans which may be colored or 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 which may be colored and/or tailored with or without embellishments, western jeans which may be colored or blue jeans, belt, boots and a hat. A vest or jacket is optional. Chaps are not allowed.

Speech Competition: This outfit is the same outfit worn during your personality interviews. No accessory changes will be allowed.

Style Show: A dress or skirt and jacket and a jean outfit.

Sponsor Visits: Jean outfit.

MRN Coronation/Buffalo Bill Rodeo: This outfit is the same jean outfit worn during the style show.

NOTE: A) This dress code is intended for Miss Rodeo Nebraska contestants and does not pertain to the reigning Miss 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.

**PAGEANT CONTESTANT CONTACT |****LINDA EVANS | PO Box 236**Curtis, NE 69025 | (308) 520-1058 | lindaeanevans@yahoo.com**Official Entry Form ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019****Miss Rodeo Nebraska****Entry Fee \$225**

You must be 19 by the first day of the pageant as you compete for Miss Rodeo Nebraska, and not older than 26 by December 31st of the year you compete at the Miss Rodeo America competition.

Name _____

Age _____ Birthday _____

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.

PLEASE MAIL ALL ENTRIES AND FEES TO:**MRN CONTEST, LINDA EVANS, PAGEANT CONTESTANT CONTACT
PO Box 236, CURTIS, NE 69025 postmarked by April 1, 2019**

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

Date Received: _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:****WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS:****WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MISS RODEO NEBRASKA:**

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

APPLICANT**DATE:** _____

We (I) do hereby give consent and approval of our (my) daughter entering this Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant under the rules and conditions set forth. We (I) agree to waive liability of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant in route to and from, during the Miss Rodeo Nebraska 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. You must be 19 by the first day of the pageant as you compete for Miss Rodeo Nebraska, and no older than 26 by December 31st of the year you compete at the Miss Rodeo America completion.
- B. Contestant will furnish a copy of her Certificate of Birth and shall be a legal resident of the state of Nebraska as evidenced by a valid driver's license and/or voter's registration card issued by the state.
- C. Contestant certifies she is not currently married and has never been married.
- D. Contestant certifies that she is not a parent of any child and that she is not now and never has been pregnant nor terminated a pregnancy.
- E. Contestant has never been charged and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
- F. Contestant will have executed all required consents and/or waivers of liability prior to the competition.
- G. Contestant hereby grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee to verify any and all information contained on her application and attests that the information she has provided is true.
- H. Contestant must agree to abide by pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
- I. 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.
- J. Should circumstances ever occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner and/or way of life, she will be disqualified from competition, or her title taken away, whichever the case may be, and she will not be allowed to enter a Miss Rodeo Nebraska or Miss Rodeo America Pageant in the future.
- K. The winner of the pageant must agree not to marry or become pregnant during the year of her reign. If she should marry or become pregnant, the title will go to the first runner-up and she

will forfeit all prizes and monies won in the pageant and during her reign to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Executive Board.

- L. Contestant is subject to a public records search prior to her application being accepted by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee. This will include an internet search.
- M. Contestant agrees to a social media search. Contestant consents to a background check, if deemed necessary.
- N. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc's. Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from participating in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and at the board's complete discretion. All applications must be approved. An acceptance or denial letter will be sent to all applicants by April 15.

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

APPLICANT

DATE: _____

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

PARENT

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:

1. 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.
2. Contestant will adhere to and comply with all contest rules and regulations.
3. Pageant Committee shall, upon observing or being informed of any violation of and/or perceived violation of any Pageant rule and/or regulation:
 - a. Inform 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 committee 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 Miss Rodeo Nebraska 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).
4. Unless timely reported as defined above in paragraph 3(a), each and every alleged violation of and/or perceived violation of Pageant rules and/or regulations shall be deemed waived and the complaining party shall be stopped from presenting allegations regarding the same.
5. Pageant committee 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 against any pageant found to have violated the same.
6. Contestant agrees that the pageant committee 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 committee's determination, the same to be final

and binding between the parties hereto. Contestant further agrees that the pageant committee is the sole and exclusive authority to interpret and enforce its rules and regulations.

7. In any legal proceeding in which the pageant committee will be awarded any judgment enforcing any term and/or condition of this agreement, the pageant committee, 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. Contestant hereby enters the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska, and hereby submits the entry fee of \$225 and hereby agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.
2. Contestant understands there are certain risks involved in competing in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and in participating in the pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo and hereby assumes all risk of injury to herself and/or damage or loss to her property resulting from her participation in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska.
3. In consideration of acceptance of contestant's application to compete in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, contestant and her heirs, legatees, personal representatives and assigns, hereby release the Miss 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 her person and/or damage or loss to her property resulting from participation in any part of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant or Pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo.
4. Contestant represents and certifies that she has permission and consent of her parents and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities.

Contestant certifies that her attendance and participation in the stated activities is voluntary.

I 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 Contestant currently being treated for any illness or injury? _____ If yes, please explain:

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

Any allergies:

Contestant,

Parent or Guardian

DATE: _____

PRINT

Please print and signature in all designated lines

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF SCORING CRITERIA

MISS Scoring Matrix

Jun-19

Major Categories				Presentation & Knowledge	Total
Judged Event	Personality	Appearance	Horsemanship		
Horsemanship 1st Round (Pattern)	25	50	150	0	225
Horsemanship 2nd Round (Railwork)	25	0	100	0	125
Bar-B-Que	0	0	0	20	20
Photogenics	20	15			35
Personal Interview	60	60	0	60	180
Radio Interview	25	0	0	35	60
TV Interview	25	20	0	40	85
Horsemanship Interview	50	55	50	0	155
Style Show, Modeling & Questions	30	65	0	40	135
Group Interview	15	15	0	25	55
Speech **	25	20	0	80	125
	300	300	300	300	1200

Total Possible Judged Points 1200

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



1200 Check total

EVA OLIVER MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2019





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