

## **WELCOME**

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Welcome to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Pageant. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee, (hereafter referred to as the Pageant Committee), strives to provide a rewarding and memorable experience. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Ewing, contestant contact. As a contestant in this program, you will need to read and understand the Pageant Rules and Contract. These documents may be found in this booklet and/or on our website, [missrodeonebraska.com](http://missrodeonebraska.com). Thank you for becoming a part of this valuable program!

## **WHO IS MISS RODEO NEBRASKA?**

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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 building a solid foundation for her future.

## **HISTORY OF THE MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT**

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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.

## PREVIOUS MISS RODEO NEBRASKA TITLE HOLDERS

1955/56	Dallas Hunt Miss Rodeo America 1956 Miss Rodeo America Hall of Fame 2014	1990	Lisa Poese Miss Rodeo America 1991 Miss Rodeo America Personality & Appearance
1957	Laura (Lolly) Cameron Miss Rodeo America 2nd Runner-Up 1959 Miss Rodeo America Hall of Fame 2015	1991	Holly Hornung Miss Rodeo America Congeniality
1958	Julie Bowers	1992	Laurie Baker
1959	Beverly Kicken Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship	1993	Kelley Jensen
1960	Christine Imm	1994	Suzette Gaudreault
1961	Kathie O'Brien Miss Rodeo America 1st Runner-Up Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship	1995	Renee Ferguson Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist
1962	Marilee Helms Miss Rodeo America 2nd Runner-Up	1996	Angie Jones Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist
1963	Mary Lou Farmer	1997	Stacy Watkins
1964	Sharon Kay Larson	1998	Alison Meyer Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist
1965	Patricia Hamburger	1999	Halie Forre
1966	Nancy Ann Simmons Miss Rodeo America 1967 Miss Rodeo America Personality & Appearance	2000	Kamera Ferrell Miss Rodeo America Top 5 Finalist
1967	Jean Mohr	2001	Lindy Nicholson
1968	Ann Wendell Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship	2002	Lori Bortner Miss Rodeo America 2003 Miss Rodeo America Personality
1969	Rhonda Christensen	2003	Lynn Welker
1970	Kay Wilson	2004	Lindy Quaney Miss Rodeo America Cent. Regional Scholarship Scrapbook 3rd Place
1971	Maureen Manning	2005	Alesa Chrisman
1972	Chris Ferguson	2006	Ashley Rice
1973	Teri Holscher Miss Rodeo America 1st Runner-Up	2007	Erin Robbins
1974	Ruth Krajewski	2008	Kristn Schott
1975	Melanie Kaliff	2009	Amy Amack Random Scholarship Winner
1976	Susan Hagadone	2010	Michelle Boeshart Miss Rodeo America 3rd Runner-Up WPRC Chap Award Winner
1977	Vicki Kennedy Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist	2011	Becky Grimm
1978	Jeanne Kral	2012	Sierra Peterson Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist WPRC Chap Award Winner Miss Rodeo America Written Test Co-Winner
1979	Tana Svoboda	2013	Samantha Chytka
1980	Shelli Bokoskie	2014	Gina Jespersen Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist
1981	Ginger ten Bensel	2015	Joni Qualm Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist
1982	Robin Sellman	2016	Emily Taylor Miss Rodeo America Congeniality
1983	Chris Wallace Governor's Speech	2017	Laramie Schlichtemeier
1984	Johna Klug Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship Miss Rodeo America Top 10 Finalist Miss Rodeo America Executive Board	2018	Kristin Kohmetscher
1985	Lisa Reiter	2019	Eva Oliver Miss Rodeo America 2nd Runner-Up Miss Rodeo America Written Test & Speech
1986	Hannah Doyle	2020	Joeli Walrath
1987	Jana Powles Miss Rodeo America 2nd Runner-Up Miss Rodeo America Personality & Appearance		
1988	Jodee Coffman		
1989	Cristi Copsey		

## **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Contestant must be 19 years of age by the first day of the pageant as she competes for Miss Rodeo Nebraska. She is not 27 years of age or older and will not have attained age 27 as of December 31 of the year she competes at the Miss Rodeo America competition. Upon request, contestant will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, etc.) verifying her age.
2. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America **and** one of the following:
  - a. A legal resident of the state of Nebraska for at least six (6) months prior to the entry closing date for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Legal residency shall be determined by one of the following:
    - ~ 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

**OR**

  - b. Completed at least one full semester at a Nebraska post-secondary educational institution.
    - ~ must be a student in good standing within the state of Nebraska
    - ~ must be currently enrolled as a full time student (12 hours or more)Proof will be evidenced by official registration, transcripts or other documentation from the appropriate educational institution and must be provided with the pageant entry

**OR**

  - c. Be currently employed full time by a Nebraska business and have been employed for a minimum of 6 months immediately prior to the entry closing date. Proof will be official documentation from the contestant's employer as accepted by the MRNA Executive Board (hereafter referred to as the Executive Board). Proof must be provided with the pageant entry
3. If contestant is chosen as Miss Rodeo Nebraska, she must reside in the State of Nebraska during the complete year of her reign.
4. 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.
5. Contestant must have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent of a high school education.
6. Contestant certifies that she is not currently married and has never been married, or has never entered into a marriage contract that has been annulled.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Contestant certifies she is in good health and does not have any health concerns, which would prevent full participation in this contest or from serving as Miss Rodeo Nebraska if selected.
10. Contestant certifies she does not use illegal or controlled substances, other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed. Contestant certifies she does not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
11. Contestant certifies she has never been charged and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, nor has she had any title removed for any reason.
12. Contestant is a female.
13. Contestant shall execute all required consents and/or waivers prior to competition.
14. Contestant grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the Pageant Committee and the Association respectively) to verify any and all information contained on her application and attests that the information she has provided is true.
15. Contestant is subject to a public records search prior to her application being accepted by the Pageant Committee. This could include an internet search, a social media search and a background check, if deemed necessary.
16. Contestant agrees to abide by pageant rules. Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, a meeting of the Executive Board will be held and proper measures will be taken, with the most severe being disqualification for infractions.
17. The Pageant 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.
18. Contestant will be expected to conduct themselves as an example to the public, which includes no smoking, vaping, drinking, chewing, foul language, or inappropriate social behavior. No visible tattoos.
19. No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation: Contestant has not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be likely to cause harm or damage to contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Association 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 the Association prior to signing this form.

20. Any decision by the Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from participating in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and completely at the Executive Board's discretion. A denial letter will be sent by April 15.

21. If a 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.

22. 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.

23. 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 Cathy Ewing, contestant contact, for review by the judges.

## **ENTRY FORMS**

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The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant contestant contact person, Cathy Ewing, shall receive the official entry forms postmarked no later than April 1, 2020. The following will be required with the application:

- Non-refundable entry fee of \$225.
- Signed and completed application forms:
  - a. Official Entry Form
  - b. Contestant Eligibility
  - c. Contestant Agreement
  - d. Release of Liability
  - e. Pageant Medical Information
  - f. Evidence of Acceptance
- One digital and three color, billfold-size head and shoulder photos of the same pose.
- Proof of residency:
  - a. valid driver's license or
  - b. school documentation or
  - c. employer documentation
- Proof of high school graduation or equivalent.
- A copy of your birth certificate.

## **HOUSING**

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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 and her parents will be furnished one room for the night. The following morning, Miss Rodeo Nebraska Lady-in-Waiting will have her first official photograph taken. She will sign the Miss Rodeo Nebraska contract in the presence of, and along with, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director (hereafter referred to as the National Director) and the Association's President. At the conclusion of this meeting, Miss Rodeo Nebraska Lady-in-Waiting will be released to go home.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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

## **CHAPERONES**

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Contestants will be under the supervision of the Pageant Committee 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**

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The 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. Once the pageant begins, no one will be permitted to fraternize with or "coach" the contestants. Any form of coaching will result in a 25 point deduction from the contestant's total score. 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**

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The Pageant's Grievance Committee during the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant will be comprised of three members: The National Director, the 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 Pageant Chairperson 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 National Director, and filed within three hours of the event being protested. Any grievance must address a single event.

When the National Director receives the grievance, the Grievance Committee will meet to review the grievance. The Grievance Committee will then 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 all parties involved.
- 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.
- The Grievance Committee must make a decision based on facts. They must be certain, without a doubt, that the misconduct or misrepresentation by the implicated 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 Executive Board and/or the head judge of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.
- The Executive Board's decision is final.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

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The Pageant Committee will provide all transportation for contestants as needed for contestant functions. Transportation for contestant parents will not be furnished.

## **HORSES**

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**Horses will be provided for the horsemanship competition only.** As a contestant, you will bring your own horse for coronation. 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.

As Miss Rodeo Nebraska, you will need to provide your own horse for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, all Buffalo Bill Rodeo performances, and the NEBRASKAland Days parade the year of your reign. You will need a family member or friend to assist with the feeding, care, and transporting of your horse to and from events during the week, as you will not have time to do so.

## **AWARDS**

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

Following coronation, the 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., a two-year full tuition scholarship from Mid-Plains Community College, 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, and numerous other items.

First runner-up will receive a scholarship and various gifts. Category and award winners will receive scholarships and awards. All contestants receive souvenirs and various gifts representative of the pageant.

## **WRITTEN TEST**

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Contestants will be required to take a written test consisting of questions relating to the sport of rodeo, equine knowledge, current events, Pageant Rules and Contract, etc. The written test score will count toward the contestant's total score.

## **MISS CONGENIALITY**

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All contestants will vote for Miss Congeniality during the pageant.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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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 Executive Board and could result in removal of the crown.

## **MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT JUDGING GUIDELINES**

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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.

## JUDGES

- a. All decisions of the judges are final.
- b. Three judges will judge all categories of the pageant. Scores will be totaled for each contestant each time they are judged. A head judge will be appointed.
- c. 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.
- d. The Pageant Committee will institute appropriate standards for judges to ensure that all judges are impartial. The Pageant 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 National Director, Pageant Chairperson and the Association'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 National Director, the Pageant Chairperson and the Association's President, at their discretion, may remove such judge and may take any remedial action they deem appropriate. All decisions of the National Director, the Pageant Chairperson, and the Association's President are final.
- f. Ties for category winners will be broken by referring back to the head judge. The head judge's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, judge number 2's score will be used and so forth.
- g. A tie in the overall score for Miss Rodeo Nebraska shall be broken by using the highest overall horsemanship score.
- h. In the event there is only one Miss Rodeo Nebraska contestant:
  1. The contestant must achieve a score of 75% or greater of the average score of the last three years' contestants to win in any category
  2. The contestant must achieve a score of 75% or greater of the average score of the last three years' title winners to attain the title of MRN.
  3. If the winner of each category achieves the 75% or greater score of the average score of the last three years' contestants, she will receive the full scholarship normally awarded in that category, but will NOT be entitled to any Runner-up scholarships or the Rising Star Award.
- i. 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.
- j. Following the coronation, all official judges' score sheets will be delivered to the National Director.

## JUDGED EVENTS

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### 1. HORSEMANSHIP

- 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 the horses provided by the pageant committee. There will be two go-rounds of horsemanship competition. As in rodeo, there will be a blind draw for contestants' order of competition and a blind draw for each contestant's mount for each round. No contestant will ride the same horse in both go-rounds. Contestant 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 (embroidery, crystals, zipper front or back, cuffs and scarves), 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. Use of hackamores/mechanical hackamores, gag bits or martingales will not be allowed.
- m. 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, or in **any way** coached a contestant, the contestant will have 25 points deducted from her total horsemanship score. This will be strictly enforced.

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

Any questions related to the horsemanship competition should be directed to Michelle (Boeshart) Whitson (580) 374-7838.



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.

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

## **2. PERSONALITY**

- a. Intelligence. Good common sense.
- b. Education. Conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- c. Charisma. Radiates self-confidence, charm and is genuine without making an issue of it, shows maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
- d. Personality Reflections. 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 ability 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 also 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.

### **3. APPEARANCE**

- a. Attractiveness.
- b. Grooming. Includes 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 including 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.

### **4. SPEECH**

- a. Each contestant will give a two-minute speech about "Always winning in life isn't everything".
- b. Notes are discouraged and no props will be allowed.
- c. Contestants are judged on the content, correct grammar usage, delivery, introduction, conclusion, and quality of voice.
- 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.

### **5. INTERVIEWS**

- a. Personal and Horsemanship interviews will each be 10 minutes in length.
- b. Each contestant will be interviewed individually and privately by the judges and may be interviewed on many categories.
- c. 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 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.
- d. During the individual interviews, answers should be in-depth so that the judges may determine the character and knowledge of each contestant.
- e. Refer to the scoring matrix for maximum points assigned to each category.

## 6. 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.

## 7. PHOTOGENIC

- A photography event will take place at the pageant, which will carry a score of 35 points. These points will count toward the total score.

\*\* The winner of each category of competition will be announced at coronation.

## AUDITORS

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At the end of each round, each judge will place their score sheet 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 or the Pageant Chairperson. This person will deliver the sealed envelopes to the auditor, 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' score sheets, along with a notarized tally sheet, will be officially filed with the National Director. Score sheet comments only (no points) will be sent to individual contestants upon the contestant's request following the pageant.

## MISS RODEO NEBRASKA SUMMARY OF SCORING CRITERIA

MISS Scoring Matrix Jun-20

Judged Event	MAJOR CATEGORIES			Presentation & Knowledge	Total
	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 100

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

## **PAGEANT DRESS CODE FOR MRN 2021 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 (embroidery, crystals, zipper front or back, cuffs and scarves), 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 (embroidery, crystals, zipper front or back, cuffs and scarves), No fringe allowed; 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 interview. 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:**

- B) This dress code is subject to change. Any changes will be noted and announced with the final schedule presented at the pre-pageant contestant meeting in April.**
  
- A) This dress code is intended for Miss Rodeo Nebraska contestants and does not pertain to the reigning Miss Rodeo Nebraska.**