Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant Rules
Queen & Princess

The Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant is held annually to select two young ladies who will represent the Rodeo. One will serve as Queen and one will serve as a Princess.

The Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant Committee is responsible for the ceremonies and activities necessary to select the titleholders. The committee offers direction, support and assistance to Miss Clark County Rodeo Court during their reign. The Committee has the absolute authority to interpret the rules and regulations and to determine all matters, questions and differences arising out of or incident to the committee. Every effort has been made to avoid typographical errors, but the committee will decide all disputes arising out of any confusion.

Contestants shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the Miss Clark County Rodeo Committee. Breaking any eligibility rules and regulations will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause forfeit of any titles.

Miss Clark County Rodeo & Princess are responsible to carry the titles proudly, fulfilling duties assigned by the Rodeo Committee. The Miss Clark County Rodeo Committee reserves the right to exercise its governing power where questions may arise throughout the year due to behavior.

Queen Eligibility

1. Contestants must not be less than 17 years of age and not more than 24 years of age. Birth certificate will be required.

2. Contestants may be residents of Clark, Lincoln or Nye Counties, or a full time student attending a University or College in Clark County, Nevada.

3. Contestants must provide their own horse and tack and must be able to transport animal to events and rodeo performances. The Rodeo Committee will not provide horses or tack at anytime. Furthermore, the Rodeo Committee will not accept any liability or responsibility for Contestants horse or tack whether owned, leased or borrowed.

4. Contestants must be single and never have been married or pregnant, and may not be the mother of a child out of wedlock.

5. A Miss Clark County Rodeo titleholder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Miss Clark County Rodeo Committee.
Princess Eligibility

1. Contestants must not be less than 12 years of age and not more than 16 years of age. Birth certificate will be required.

2. Contestants must be residents of Clark, Lincoln or Nye Counties, Nevada.

3. Contestants must provide their own horse and tack and must be able to transport animal to events and rodeo performances. The Rodeo Committee will not provide horses or tack at anytime. Furthermore, the Rodeo Committee will not accept any liability or responsibility for Contestants horse or tack whether owned, leased or borrowed.

4. A Miss Clark County Rodeo titleholder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Miss Clark County Rodeo Committee.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use inappropriate language at any time during the pageant or while representing Clark County Fair & Rodeo.

2. Each contestant is required to submit a **NON-Refundable** $25 entry fee with her application. Checks should be made payable to the Clark County Fair & Rodeo.

3. Pageant judges may not be approached by a contestant or related individual with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type can result in disqualification or the contestant at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Contestants must provide their own horse and tack necessary for the horsemanship competition. Contestants may be required to ride a horse other than their own during the horsemanship competition.

5. Contestants may not leave the Miss Clark County Rodeo Coronation until after ALL awards are presented at the coronation ceremony. The pageant is not officially over until contestants have checked out with the Pageant Committee. Until checked out, all contestants must abide by pageant rules. Failure to comply with this provision could jeopardize future eligibility, current runner-up status and/or awards.

6. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the wardrobe guidelines & dress code. Each contestant should have at least one complete western dress outfit and a horsemanship outfit (as outlined under horsemanship). Contestants may wear the same western dress outfit during the breakfast / speech competition and the coronation ceremony.
Pageant Divisions
There will be three divisions for judging: Horsemanship, Appearance, and Personality. In addition the scores from speech, interview & impromptu questions will be added.

There will be both a Queen Category Award and Princesses Category Award given to the girls scoring highest in Horsemanship, Appearance and Speech.

The overall winner in the Queen Category will be crowned Miss Clark County Rodeo and the overall winner in the Princess Category will be crowned Clark County Rodeo Princess.

HORSEMANSHIP:
The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship: including control of mount, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled.

2. Balance, ability, and position of hands, feet, and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.

3. Understanding of leads and proper execution of specific patterns.

4. Mounting and dismounting.

5. Presentation ride (Queens Run / Wave).

6. Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science: The following categories may be used for horsemanship interview topics: knowledge of tack, horse science (including feeding, grooming, and parts of the horse), professional rodeo, history of rodeo, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard rodeo events, championship rodeo standings, current rodeo issues as well as other horsemanship and rodeo topics deemed important by the judges and/or Committee.

7. Showmanship: How the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

8. Required attire for horsemanship is in the wardrobe guideline.

Other considerations in Horsemanship include, but are not limited to the following:

- The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse or equipment.

- Contestants will ride with one hand on the reins.
NO SPURS and NO CHAPS are allowed in the competition.

Judges may talk to contestants, or ask horsemanship questions in the arena.

All contestants will be judged on a presentation run / Queen wave.

Contestants may be asked to ride on the rail at a walk, trot and lope in both directions as part of this contest. Other arena work may be requested at the discretion of the Committee and/or judges.

APPEARANCE:

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness.

2. Grooming: This should include meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.

3. Posture: This should include carrying oneself straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.

4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: This should include handling every type of situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.

5. Western Fashion Sense: This includes western outfits, which are fashionable, tasteful and properly fit for the contestant. Attention will be paid to the use of color and style to enhance the contestant’s personal features. Attention will be paid to suitability of the outfit to the occasion. Additional information is available in the wardrobe guideline.

6. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure-flattering styles altered for a personal fit, if necessary. Properly fitted and shaped hats, which flatter the contestant’s face, will be considered. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the contestant’s ability to carry out a “total look”, rather than an excessive amount of clothing.

7. Knowledge of western clothing: This includes the major western wear manufacturers, trends in western wear industry and western wear sponsors of professional rodeo.

PERSONALITY:
The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Intelligence and good common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high-moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
6. Self-projection (the ability to project one’s personality in any situation, whether from horseback or on stage.
7. Positive outlook on life.
8. Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be disqualified at the Committee’s discretion.
9. Maturity.
10. Educational background and career goals.

SPEECH:

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:
1. Ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate and correct language and good grammar.
2. Ability to prepare for a speech of two minutes with no props.
3. Self-projection on stage, including delivery, voice, manner and use of microphone.
4. Ability to present from memory a two minute speech. (Princess Contestants will be allowed to use flash cards for notes.)
5. Speech topic will be assigned upon completed application. Other considerations in Speech include:
   - Speeches should be two minutes in length. Deductions will be made for speeches shorter than 2 minutes or longer than 3 minutes.
   - Speeches should be memorized. No props or visual aids will be allowed.
Impromptu questions will be judged separately of the speech.

**JUDGING**

Miss Clark County Rodeo Committee will use the following procedures for judging:

1. Judges are selected for their experience and qualifications. All judges will be used to judge all categories, including Appearance, Personality, Speech and Horsemanship.

2. Decisions of the judges are final.

3. In the event of a category tie, the judges will make the decision. However, no points will be added or subtracted from a contestant’s score.

4. In the event of a tie for Miss Clark County Rodeo or Princess, the pageant judges will make the decision. Again, no points will be added or subtracted from any contestant’s scores in any part of the competition.

5. The Pageant Committee will not have access to the judges' sheets. A head judge will be chosen. The head judge will collect the judging sheets and put them into an envelope, seal and sign the envelope. The sealed envelope will be delivered to the accountant for tabulation.

**Wardrobe Guidelines**

Each contestant should follow the Dress Code guidelines that follow. NO chaps, spurs, crowns or banners are to be worn during the pageant, other than those provided by the Pageant Committee.

**Dress Standard**

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<th>Orientation</th>
<th>Western dress - nice casual - hats, boots and belt required</th>
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<tr>
<td>Breakfast</td>
<td>Western dress or skirt with blouse and / or jacket (Hats, boots and belt required)</td>
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<td>Interview</td>
<td>Same as Breakfast / Speech outfit</td>
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<td>Horsemanship</td>
<td>Wrangler Jean product, form fitting blouse or shirt with long sleeves - any color - with shirt tucked in. No vests, no jackets, no chaps. All riding attire should be neat and fit properly.</td>
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Award Ceremony

Western dress or skirt with blouse and / or jacket (Hats, boots and belt required).

Contestants may wear the same western dress outfit to breakfast and to the Award Ceremony / Coronation.

General Information

Parents, Friends and Relatives: The Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends, and relatives during the competition. The Pageant Committee requests complete cooperation from these supporters during pageant activities. At no time during the Pageant shall parents, friends or relatives disturb the contestants.

Problems and Complaints: Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the Miss Clark County Rodeo Director. Miss Clark County Rodeo Director has full authority over the pageant and any decision they make regarding rules and participation is final.

Photographs: Photographs taken of contestants during the pageant, by pageant personnel will become property of the Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant Committee and may be used for publicity.

Sportsmanship: The Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant Committee expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant, the sport of professional rodeo, their friends and family. Unsportsmanlike conduct would result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Miss Clark County Rodeo Pageant.

Study Information: The PRCA publishes a “Pro Rodeo Media Guide” and a bi-monthly newspaper “ProRodeo Sports News”. For information contact the PRCA at 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs Co, 80919. Phone 719- 593-8840. Or visit their website at PRORODEO.COM.