



## PAGEANT GENERAL RULES

General Constant rules and eligibility:

1. Queen contestants must not be less than 19 years of age, not more than 27 years of age at the time she is to compete at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Birth certificate is required with application. Teen contestants must not be less than 14 years of age, not more than 17 years of age before December 31 of that calendar year.
2. Contestants must be permanent residents of the state of Missouri for a minimum of 12 months prior to the pageant and the selected girl must remain a current resident of the state of Missouri. A valid copy of driver's license must accompany this application along with proof of residency.
3. Contestant must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
4. Contestant may be a full or part time student attending a university or college in or out of state. You may be asked to show college registration proof. Residents attending college out of state may compete but may be required to move back in state during reign as Miss Rodeo Missouri.
5. Must be a natural born female.
6. Contestants must not cohabitate a boyfriend or member of the opposite sex during her reign.
7. Contestants must be single, never have been married, never had a marriage annulled, never have been a parent or ever have been pregnant.

8. Contestant must not have been a previous MRM or any others state "Miss Rodeo" title holder. Contestants must not hold any other state title or have previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
9. If the contestant holds another title which is not expired prior to taking the role of Miss Rodeo Missouri consideration must be made by the Board of Directors to the Missouri crown.
10. Failure to complete the reign as MRM or failure to compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant shall obligate the contestant to reimburse the MRM Pageant Inc. and all sponsors for any money, prizes, items, gifts, won or received as MRM.
11. A Miss Rodeo Missouri 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 Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. and Board of Directors.
12. The Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. by majority vote has the right to refuse any contestants application. If a contestant is refused entry into the contest there will be no appeal process.
13. Contestant must execute and provide all consents, waivers, agreements, documentation and conditions needed on the due date of application and as detailed in the application packet. MRM Board of Directors reserves the right to disqualify any contestant for rule infractions.
14. Contestant must not have ever been convicted of a crime nor be involved in any criminal activity or criminal litigation. Must be of good moral character and never had a title removed for any reason.
15. Contestant must not have ever been engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc.
16. Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant.

## TITLEHOLDER RULES

1. The titleholder of Miss Rodeo Missouri must be willing to enter into a contract with the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. and Board of Directors and be willing to compete in subsequent years Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
2. The winner of MRM may not compete in any other pageants during her reigns except Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
3. MRM must be willing and able to participate in PRCA rodeo appearances and other special events as requested throughout her reign.

4. Title winners must understand that if they win the title, they are responsible for funding their own expenses including travel, wardrobe, etc. The MRM Pageant Inc. will provide assistance with fundraisers to help MRM raise the funds. Every dollar will go through the Board of Directors Treasurer and be allocated directly or indirectly as needed to MRM.
5. Miss Rodeo Missouri is required to update social medial accounts about travels and experiences as MRM and those accounts will be monitored by the Media Director or MRM Board of Directors. The Media Director will have all access to Facebook, Twitter, websites, blogs, and any other media pages pertaining to MRM. Guidelines set forth by the Media Director must be followed by MRM and all social media. There will be no personal status or boyfriend listed on a personal media site or personal web page. You are to appear single at all times.
6. Model lessons will be mandatory with approved modeling coach. This can also be achieved by attending queen clinics. Horsemanship lessons will also be mandatory with approved horsemanship coach, as MRM will be required to ride as many different horses as possible over the course of her year as preparation for Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
7. MRM will work with the National Director and Board of Directors designated to monitor appearance compliance. All wardrobe items must be approved by the National Director. Once Miss Rodeo America Pageant wardrobe has been determined, there will be no changes or unapproved deviations.
8. Stringent guidelines will be adhered to in reference to hair, makeup, and clothing. Hair must be appropriately styled, not multiple exotic colors, and all looks must be approved by the National Director or appointed Board of Director member.
9. Travel wardrobe guidelines will be established and all outfits approved prior to travel, in and out of state.
10. There will be no visible tattoos, body piercings, if so they must be removed or covered.
11. MRM must develop a scrapbook from the onset of her reign and continue to build upon the content until it is entered into the MRAP.
12. MRM is required to communicate with the National Director and Board of Directors and mandatory response in required within 12 hours of initial contact.

## PAGEANT RULES

1. Contestants are required to attend all pageant events and activities and provide their own wardrobe following the wardrobe guidelines.
2. All contestants must submit the required documents, pictures, and applications by the due date. Must have signed all documents, waivers, and consents presented.
3. Contestants must submit:
  - Proof of Birth
  - Non Refundable Entry Fee of \$200
  - One Valid Driver's License or Photo ID
  - One digital color headshot photo
  - Completed Application
  - Proof of Personal Health Insurance
  - Proof of High School Education or GED
4. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady like manner and portray good moral standards at all times during the pageant.
5. Judges will be selected by the Board of Directors.
6. Contestants may not leave pageant until all awards are presented at the coronation ceremony and contestant banners have been checked back into the National Director. Until check out all contestants must abide by the pageant rules, failure to do so will result in title forfeiture, loss of prizes, etc.
7. All decision of the judges is final and no appeal process can be made to the board of directors.
8. Parents, friends, relatives are all welcome at the MRM pageant but no fraternizing with boyfriends will be allowed at any time.
9. Parents and relatives are responsible for obtaining all necessary tickets to pageant, rodeo, or any activity venues. Family must not interfere with pageant activities or board members at any time.
10. All pageant grievances or complaints can be referred to the board within 30 minutes of a problem or incident. The MRM board of directors has full authority over the pageant and any decision they make regarding rules and participation is final.

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

1. Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant will be judged in 3 main categories: horsemanship, personality, and appearance. The scores from a contestant's public speaking, interview(s), current event questions, horsemanship/rodeo knowledge questions, fashion show presentation, knowledge, etc., will be combined for the contestants overall score. All judges will judge all categories of the pageant and all judges' scores will be used.
2. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition. They should be experienced western horsemen or horsewomen who are accustomed to judging horse events. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, and they should be knowledgeable about the sport of professional rodeo.
3. Judging will begin when the entry is received and continue throughout the pageant. Finished score sheets will be done in ink, collected by the National Director or Event Coordinator. When judging in all divisions has been completed, the scores will be totaled to determine who have scored the highest in each category and in the overall scores. The highest overall score will be Miss Rodeo Missouri; second highest will be the first runner-up.
4. In the event of a tie in the events of: appearance, personality, horsemanship, and public speaking will be broken by referring back to the score of Judge #1. That score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the score of Judge #2 will be used, and so on until the tie is broken. A tie for scoring for Miss Rodeo Missouri (and first runner-up) will be broken by the horsemanship scores. The contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

## HORSEMANSHIP

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

1. Horsemanship-to include control of mount and the way she handles any situation which may occur
2. Balance-Ability to sit a saddle.
3. Positions of hands, feet and seat.
4. Mounting and dismounting.
5. Confidence, appearance, and awareness of audience.

1. Due to the differences and unpredictability of each horse the effort and skill of the contestant will be judged **not** the horse. Horsemanship will consist of two go-rounds, including carrying a flag and a queen's wave: 1) Pattern 2) Rail Work

2. Each contestant will be required to provide her own horse and tack. The contestant will draw for the order in which she competes. Patterns can be found in the handbook. The contestant may be required to dismount and remount or change the pattern as so designated by the judges. The patterns should be set by the reigning titleholder, if possible.

3. Each contestant will provide her own horse which she will ride for the rodeo performance. Contestants will be required to bring their own bridle, blankets and saddle, which will be used in the rodeo performance. Contestants will be allowed only one horse during the rodeo performance/competition. **At no time will riding with two hands be permitted.** Spurs are allowed during horsemanship round 1 or round 2 when riding individuals own horse, and are possible at rodeo performance.

## PERSONALITY

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

1. Intelligence-good common sense
2. Education-knowledge of and conversational ability in rodeo and other areas with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. Attractiveness-not necessarily to mean beauty in this sense, but rather the contestant radiates self-confidence. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
4. Personality reflections-to include the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism, and eye appeal.
5. Genuine interest in other people in the pageant and in rodeo, and a noticeable consideration of others.
6. Self projection-ability to project one's personality whether it be from horseback in the arena, on television, or before an audience. Also to be considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, and enthusiasm.
7. Happy outlook on life in general. Sense of Humor/Outlook
8. Conversational ability
9. Extemporaneous questions-which require the contestant to think on her feet and show maturity, intelligence, wisdom, and imagination.
10. Professionalism: The ability of the contestant to conduct herself in a professional manner in all aspects of competition.

## APPEARANCE

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

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming-to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, use of cosmetics, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential.
3. Poise, posture, and lady-like behavior
4. Photogenic quality
5. Knowledge of proper western attire to include:
  - a. Color coordination and proper fit
  - b. Crease and shape of hat
  - c. Dresses, skirts, and blouses should reflect a western image.
  - d. Contestants are expected to appear in full western attire at all times unless otherwise specified. This includes Wrangler pants or jeans, dresses, skirts, blouses, jackets, hats, boots, belt.

- e. Dress should always be appropriate for the occasion.
- f. Knowledge of current trends in western wear manufacturing.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

The purpose of this judged division is to select the contestant who rates highest in public speaking.

1. Each contestant is required to give an extemporaneous speech on a topic provided. Contestants will be given a 90 second time limit. No props will be allowed.
2. Other judged speech events may be required.
3. Public Speaking will be judged on content, delivery, appearance, and personality as one public speaking score
4. Organization and subject relevancy to required topic.
5. Use of microphone
6. Enunciation and grammar
7. Eye contact and projection to audience
8. Initiative/Flair

## MODELING

Contestants will participate in at least one fashion show, and may model their own clothing.

Judging criteria includes:

1. Personality
2. Appearance
3. Creativity
4. Initiative/Flair
5. Stage Presence
6. Proper Presentation
7. Self Confidence

## PERSONAL/MEDIA/GROUP INTERVIEWS

Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges for approximately 15 minutes. Judging criteria includes:

1. Each contestant is required to participate in a, media interview. Questions for the media interview will be rodeo related and will be the same for each contestant.
2. Correct answers to questions related to knowledge of the pageant, knowledge of the Pro-Rodeo World including PRCA and WPRA/PWRA (including current standings, history & organization), rodeo terminology, explanation of rodeo events, equine knowledge (including tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc.) & current events.
3. Appearance
4. Personality

## EXTEMPORANEOUS QUESTIONS

Questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo and/or current events. Judging criteria includes:

1. Ability to answer the question.
2. Delivery
3. Knowledge
4. Enunciation
5. Appearance
6. Personality:
  - a. Ability to relate to the audience
  - b. Sense of humor

## WARDROBE REQUIRMENTS

Wardrobe requirements are document in the Wardrobe Guide.