

SOUTHERN OREGON Junior Rodeo Association

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The Southern Oregon Junior Rodeo Association Queen and Court Pageant will follow these guidelines:

Qualified judges selected for their experience will be used for each category: Horsemanship, Appearance, Speech, Knowledge and Personality.

Decisions of the judges are final. Judges' comments and score cards will be released to contestants upon the close of the contest.

In the event of a tie for Queen or Princess, the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

Contestants must score a minimum of 70% to be considered for Queen or Princess on the court.

Four Divisions of Judging

Application	Neatness, thoughtful and complete answers	10%
Speech/Knowledge	Appearance, poise, personality and communication	30%
Horsemanship	Ability, appearance, wave, knowledge	30%
Personality/Appearance	Comfort, appearance, communication	30%

Tips for Horsemanship:

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

1. Mount and dismount, proper ring etiquette and control in an unexpected situation.
2. Balance, ability and position of hands, feet and seat.

3. Knowledge of horsemanship, horse science and rodeo facts. Horsemanship interview topics could include:

- a. Knowledge of tack
- b. Horse science (including feeding, grooming, parts of the horse)
- c. Rodeo facts

4. Showmanship: how the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

5. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or equipment.

6. No ropes or chaps shall be allowed in the competition.

Tips for Appearance:

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

1. Grooming: This includes meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other apparel.

2. Posture: This includes carrying oneself straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.

3. Poise: This includes handling every type of situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.

4. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure-flattering styles altered for personal fit, if necessary and properly fitted and shaped hats, which flatter contestant's faces. 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.

Tips for Personality:

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

1. Intelligence and 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: If a contestant fails to arrive on time for any Pageant event, she may be disqualified at the Committee's discretion.
9. Maturity

WARDROBE GUIDELINES

The Pageant Outfit: Long sleeve western blouse, blue jeans and western hat.

The outfit will be worn for the Interview, Horsemanship, and Crowning.