



Miss NPRA Pageant Rules



The Miss NW Professional Rodeo Pageant is held annually to select a young lady who has the desire and enthusiasm to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association (NPRA). Contestants agree to abide by all the rules, regulations, agreements and contracts set forth by the NPRA Board of Directors and the Miss NPRA Coordinator. Breaking any eligibility rules, regulations, agreements or contracts will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause forfeit of any titles. Miss NPRA is responsible for carrying the title proudly and fulfilling duties assigned by the NPRA to the best of her ability.

PAGEANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Contestants must not be less than 18 years of age nor more than 25 years of age as of the first day of their reign (January 1). Proof of age may be required.
2. Contestants must be single, never have been married, not be pregnant or have any children.
4. Any contestant who violates of the rules will disqualified from the pageant.
5. Any proven previous illegal activity (other than minor traffic violations) will disqualify the contestant from the pageant.

PAGEANT RULES

1. Each contestant will be required to complete the application, including all requirements listed on the application (resume, statement, and photo). Applications must be received by the application deadline. All signed rules and contracts must be received prior to pageant.
2. A pageant judge 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 of the contestant at the discretion of the Pageant Coordinator and the NPRA Board of Directors.
3. The contestant must be prepared to provide horses and tack necessary for horsemanship competition, the NPRA Finals and/or activities throughout the year promoting the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association.

4. Contestants will provide their own transportation to and from the pageant activities.
5. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe. Each contestant should have at least one complete western dress outfit and one complete horsemanship outfit. It is up to the contestant how many outfits she brings to the pageant.

CATEGORY AWARDS

Awards will be given to the girl scoring highest during all pageant activities in the following categories: Horsemanship, Appearance, Personality, Knowledge, and Speech. The overall winner will be crowned Miss NW Pro Rodeo with the next highest individual receiving First Runner-up. Other awards include, but may not be limited to, Sales, Congeniality, and Photogenic.

Horsemanship - Each contestant will be required to provide their own horse, which can be ridden in a bridle (not a snaffle bit) with one hand on the reins. Horsemanship pattern will be provided upon receipt of application. Judges may talk to the contestants, or ask horsemanship questions in the arena, during the Horsemanship. The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who scores the highest in:

1. Horsemanship, including control of mount, proper arena etiquette and the way that each situation that may occur is handled. Understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse or equipment.
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 a specific pattern.
4. Arena and flag runs.
5. Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science. The following categories may be used in impromptu questions, interviews, and written test: tack, horse science, NPRA history, terminology, events, standings, and rules.
6. Showmanship, including how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
7. Required attire for horsemanship is western jeans, long sleeved western shirt, boots, belt, and hat (no straw hats). No chaps will be allowed.

Appearance - The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who scores the highest in:

1. Attractiveness and grooming, including meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
2. Posture, including carrying themselves straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.
3. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation. This should include handling each situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.
4. Clothing that is western, fashionable, and tasteful. Attention will be given to a contestant's ability to use color and style to enhance their personal features. Proper fit is important, including figure flattering styles altered for a personal fit and properly fitted and shaped hats. Judges will be looking for versatility, imagination, and a contestant's ability to carry out a "total look" rather than expensive or excessive clothing.
5. Ability of contestant to present themselves well physically and in writing.

Personality - The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who scores the highest in:

1. Intelligence, good common sense, and a good sense of humor.
2. Conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. Ability and willingness to work well with others, including coordinator and board members.
4. Confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, integrity, maturity, and positive outlook on life.
5. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
6. Ability to project one's personality in a natural way whether from horseback, on stage or in personal interactions.
7. Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be disqualified at the Pageant Coordinator's discretion.

Speech – Speeches must be rodeo related, memorized, and approximately three minutes in length. No props or visual aids will be allowed. Personal interview and impromptu questions and/or mock TV interview will be judged separately from the speech, but included in the Speech Award. The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who scores the highest in:

1. The ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate and correct language and good grammar.
2. Ability to prepare for a speech.
3. Self-projection on stage, including delivery, voice, manner and use of microphone.
4. Ability to present a prepared, memorize, three minute speech in which the topic is well developed, interesting and understandable.

Knowledge – This category includes written tests scores and knowledge points from the personal interview and impromptu questions and/or mock TV interview.

Sales – This category award is based upon the sales of ads and tickets prior to the pageant. This award has no point value towards the title.

Congeniality - This category is chosen by the contestants. This award has no point value towards the title.

Photogenic- This category award is chosen by the judges based on meeting photo qualifications, attractiveness of photo, projection of contestant's personality, including confidence and approachability. This award has no point value towards the title.

JUDGING

The Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant Coordinator will use the following procedure for judging:

1. Qualified Judges selected for their experience. Decisions of the judges are final.
2. In the event of a tie for a category award, the title, or runner-up, the judges will make the decision.
3. Contestants will vote on the selection of Miss Congeniality. There will be no extra points given for this award.
4. Each contestant's scores and comment sheets will be mailed to the contestant within two weeks of the pageant.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENTS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES - The Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends, and relatives during the competition. The Pageant Coordinator requests complete cooperation from these supporters during pageant activities. At no time during the pageant shall parents, friends and relatives disturb contestants or approach judges. Parents, friends, and relatives are invited to attend all activities, except for interviews and written tests.

SPORTSMANSHIP - The Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant Committee expects each contestant and their supporters to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant, during and following coronation and during the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Finals as well as at any other function where you would be representing the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant, the sport of rodeo, and the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant.

PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS - Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Pageant Coordinator. The Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Coordinator and the NPRA Board of Directors have full authority over the pageant and any decision they make regarding rules and/or participation is final.

Questions should be directed to the Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Coordinator:
Jean McPherson – ccrodeo@hotmail.com.



Miss NPRA Rules



1. Miss NPRA must be Contestants must not be less than 18 years of age nor more than 25 years of age as of the first day of her reign (January 1).
2. Miss NPRA must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no children at the time of pageant and remain so during her reign. They must either be a high school graduate or be passing their classes.
3. Miss NPRA and family members are expected to represent the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association in a courteous, professional manner. A positive attitude and teamwork is expected. Any misconduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following will not be tolerated and may be cause for dismissal. Any illegal activity (other than minor traffic infractions) will result in immediate dismissal.
 - a. Use of or possession of illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol
 - b. Foul language
 - c. Inappropriate behavior, including inappropriate behavior with members of the opposite sex
 - d. Attacks or abuse, either physically or verbally, of other the Miss NPRA Coordinator, family members, or NPRA Board members, including gossip
 - e. Abuse or neglect of the member's horse
4. Miss NPRA is selected by a panel of judges based on her performance in several categories, which may include horsemanship (including patterns, arena run, and flag run), personal interview, modeling, speech, impromptu questions, written rodeo knowledge test, personality, appearance, and overall impression. A contestant must get at least 50% of the total available points to be eligible for the title.
5. The reign is for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).
6. Miss NPRA must either own her own horse(s) or have a signed, long-term lease. Substitute horses must have the approval of the coordinator. Horses must be healthy, with current vaccinations and worming. The horse must be kept clean, trimmed, and shod. No stallions, late term pregnant mares, or mares with foals allowed.

7. Miss NPRA is responsible for her own and for her horse's transportation. Travel and/or meal expenses are not reimbursed.
8. Miss NPRA is responsible for the purchase and upkeep of their tack and clothing. All wardrobe must be approved by the Coordinator. Revolving items (crown, chaps, serape, flower pack, etc.) are owned by the NPRA and may not be altered in anyway without the express permission of the Coordinator. Additionally, all awards (belt buckle, etc.) remain the property of the NPRA until the successful completion of her reign, at which time Miss NPRA retains permanent ownership of all awards. It is expected that Miss NPRA will carefully maintain revolving items and awards during her reign. Miss NPRA must be dressed in the appropriate outfit (cleaned and pressed), hair, and makeup at all events, as designated by coordinators.
9. Miss NPRA may raise funds through donations, sponsorships, fundraisers, etc., as approved by the Coordinator. All monies become the property of the NPRA. Reimbursement will be made to Miss NPRA upon receipt of expense reports with complete backup documentations (receipts, etc.) up to the amount in her ledger account.
10. The Coordinator will determine the schedule for Miss NPRA. Miss NPRA is expected to attend at least one NPRA rodeo per rodeo weekend. Attendance will be mandatory at required events. Absences must be pre-approved by the Coordinator. Promptness is expected at all events. Excessive tardiness or absences may result in dismissal.
11. Miss NPRA agrees to the rules and signs the contract prior to pageant. The NPRA Board and Miss NPRA Coordinators have full authority in making final decisions regarding Miss NPRA.



Miss NPRA Contract



This contract must be signed and returned prior to or at the Miss NPRA pageant. By signing this contract you agree that you:

- * Will follow all Miss NPRA Rules, both for the pageant and for the reign.
- * Understand that violation of any rule may result in suspension or dismissal from the pageant and the title.
- * Release the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Board, Queen Coordinator and Committee, NPRA Finals Committee, Outlaw Productions, or their agents from any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to horse, rider, persons, or property.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date