



Mountain Rodeo Association

Royalty Competition

Contestant Packet

Mountain Rodeo



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MOUNTAIN RODEO ASSOCIATION ROYALTY COMPETITION

Orientation

Orientation will be held on Saturday, June 12th, 2021 at 2pm at the Mountain Rodeo Association Grounds, 30782 Kings Canyon Road, Squaw Valley, CA 93675. Contestants should bring something to take notes with, their parent(s)/guardian, and should dress in western attire including boots, jeans and a western shirt. Please RSVP to (559)978-7664 or email at badlabs@netptc.net Please meet in front of the stage (by the food booth). If for some reason you are unable to attend on this date, please contact us prior to the orientation.

During orientation contestants will review the rules, regulations, and qualifications as a group and will be able to ask questions. This event will double as a clothing and tack swap; you are all encouraged to bring “queen” clothes to sell or trade! This will be a casual day, so we encourage you to relax, enjoy yourself and meet new people. No horses please at orientation.

**Applications will not be taken after 6 PM on
Tuesday, June 15, 2021.**

Standard Qualifications

1. Submit completed application and MRA membership/Contestant fee by entry deadline.
2. Must not be, or ever have been, married or divorced.
3. Must not be pregnant or the mother of a child.
4. Must not hold current title for another rodeo. Current title holders are ineligible unless they are moving up a division.
5. Can not run for another title while holding a Mountain Rodeo Assoc title.
6. Must meet age requirements determined by contestants age as of **8/1/2021**:
 - Little Miss 8-12 years old
 - Princess 13-17 years old
 - Queen 18-22 years old
 - ***Tiny Princess division (4-7) will be added if there is enough interest.

Requirements to be a Contestant.

Competing and holding the title of a royalty position is a large responsibility and commitment.

Entry Fee

A non-refundable fee of \$20 (Cash or Check made out to MRA please) will be required with your application. This covers your \$15 membership fee for the Mountain Rodeo Association and your \$5 application fee. **This fee is non-refundable.**

2. Photo/Biography is Mandatory:

- a. Each contestant is asked to submit their picture (8X10 COLOR PRINTED) with this application (or can be handed in at orientation). We ask that the picture be a head shot showing them wearing a cowboy hat. Please do not include animals or other people. This photo must also be emailed to badlabs@netptc.net Please plan on having this done by or at the orientation.
- b. Along with the photo each contestant is asked to submit a brief biography. Please include, name, age, parents, school, hobbies, future plans and why you would like to represent the MRA (any other important information is welcomed as well). The biography should be **short and to the point.**

****The above picture and biography will be used for distribution in the local news sources as applicable, for our website, Facebook, and may appear in the rodeo program.**

***Please note that all the following times and dates are currently tentative and subject to change. A more concrete schedule will be provided to contestants as it becomes available.**

You must complete before the rodeo one of each of the following:

1. Volunteering- Volunteer at any MRA event or workday between orientation and the pageant. You will be required to check in with a board member upon arriving and leaving.

This must be completed prior to the start of rodeo. Proof will be required. Please obtain in writing (email would be acceptable).

Again, please understand if you have concerns with any of these tasks we are here to help

Rules & Regulations

Ticket sales are required. Tickets will be \$2 each. 3 tentative prizes are scheduled for the one ticket: 1st a firearm and 2nd also a firearm and 3rd \$100. Only 6000 tickets will be printed. To remain eligible (to compete at the competition) the quota established for the appropriate division must be fulfilled/turned in at the competition date – AUGUST 15, 2021 mandatory practice night.

- Queen Contestants: 550 Tickets
 - Queen Contestants will also be required to obtain a minimum of 1 Bronze Sponsor (over \$200)
- Princess Contestants: 450 Tickets
- Little Miss Contestants: 300 Tickets
- Tiny Princess if applicable 200 Tickets

*Most tickets sold will/sponsorship brought in will receive a special award.

NOTE: Money from ticket sales go towards covering costs for the pageant and providing prizes for all contestants whether they leave with a title or not. The more you sell, the more you benefit yourselves! You are more than welcome to sell more than the above allotment. Please contact the coordinator if you need more tickets.

Conduct & Ethics

- Contestants and current royalty are held to the highest standard of professionalism and behavior during both judged and non-judged portions of the pageant. Parents and friends, this goes for you too! The young ladies who hold the MRA royalty titles are representatives of our rodeo and community. Inappropriate behavior on the part of anyone associated with the MRA will **NOT** be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Fighting (verbal or otherwise)
 - Anything determined or interpreted as verbal or physical abuse or intimidation or cyber bullying.
 - Excessive drinking (parents- royalty are not to be drinking regardless of age!)
 - Tobacco use (contestants)
 - Attempts to sabotage fellow contestants.
 - Attempts to influence the coordinator or judges.
 - Temper tantrums
 - Profanity
 - Un-natural hair color(s)
 - Skirts above the knee or blouses that show cleavage or open shoulders are not to be worn
 - Tattoos must be covered.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct will **NOT** be tolerated from contestants, friends, family or current royalty!
 - First offense-verbal warning
 - Second offense-10-point deduction
 - Third offense-disqualification from the pageant or current royalty will lose their crown and anything associated with the title (as applicable ex: chaps, buckle, saddle). Please note that should you be asked to leave you will be required to return ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to Kris Pearson within one (1) week – SEVEN DAYS - of your dismissal.
- Anyone leaving the pageant for any reason will need to return ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to Kris Pearson within one (1) week – SEVEN DAYS - of your dismissal.
- Complaints and concerns are welcome on the condition that they are presented to Kris Pearson in an appropriate manner (written) to be addressed.

Who We Are:

It is the goal of the MRA to promote the sport of rodeo by providing quality professional and amateur events. To promote and advance the image of the mountain communities of Fresno County by providing events of county and statewide significance. It is also our goal to actively involve local youth by providing fun and engaging activities. We promote the sport of rodeo and instill an understanding of their ranching heritage. We actively support Veterans and local organizations and families. We are a Western States Ranch Rodeo Association Sanctioned event. Our events include but are not limited to:

1. Ranch Branding
2. Sort Rope & Doctor
3. 4 Man Team Roping
4. 4 Man Trailer Loading
5. Barrel Racing
6. Mutton Busting
7. Bull Riding
8. Ranch Bronc Riding
9. Wild Horse Race
10. Women's Steer Stopping
11. Stick Horse Barrels (8 and under)
12. Barnyard Scramble (8 and under)

Poise & Personality 15%

This portion of the pageant will be held at Mountain Rodeo Association grounds on August TBA. Please arrive at 12 PM. Pictures will be taken at 12:30. Interviews will start at 1PM. Dinner is slated to start at 4:30. A dinner fee for friends and family will be incurred (cost pending). Contestant dinner will be provided. Contestants will sit with the judges for dinner, not their families. Personal/Private interviews will be held individually for each contestant with all three judges in a private room. Questions will pertain to current events, rodeo/equine knowledge and your personality. **Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes per contestant.** Order by draw in each group. This is a chance for the judges to get to know you so let your personality shine!

Stage Portion 25%

At Mountain Rodeo Association grounds, on August TBA. See projected time schedule above.

- The first portion of the on-stage competition will be modeling. It will be after the dinner. Contestants will enter and model their outfits accompanied by a commentary read by the emcee. Commentary will be a shorten version of your biography. **YOUR BIOGRAPHY IS TO BE EMAILED or HANDED IN AT MANDATORY PRACTICE BY AUGUST 15, 2019.** Immediately following modeling contestants will go to the stage and receive the microphone from the emcee for their speeches. Contestants will be judged on their outfits, poise, and general presentation. (Queens will go first followed by Princess then Little Miss. Tiny princess will not give speech but will have conversation with reigning Queen) – there will be three judges. Order by draw for each group.

- Queens, Princess, Little Miss and Tiny Princess will be asked to give their cowgirl advise (will give you samples at meeting)
- Speeches are an excellent way to introduce yourself to the community and show off your public speaking skills. Speeches should be memorized; cue cards are discouraged. Speeches will be autobiographical in nature-tell us about you! There are time limits for speeches with 30 seconds leeway allowed. Speeches over or under the time limits (after leeway) will result in a 5-point penalty. Contestants will be judged on both content and delivery. - three judges.
 - Queen contestants: 2:30-3 minutes for speeches
 - Princess: 2:00-2:30 minutes for speeches
 - Little Miss: 1:30-2:00 minutes for speeches
 - Tiny Princess if applicable: Will have a conversation on stage it will not be a scripted speech.
 - After your speech/conversation you may be asked to answer a few questions.

Attire 10%

Attire for this portion of the pageant should be professional but still western. Contestants are allowed to wear the same outfits for interviews and onstage, but the outfit chosen should be appropriate for both if you go this route. Fit and modern, flattering styles are far more important than the amount of bling or the money spent! Chaps will not be permitted. Proper fitting under garments will be always worn. Please do not show shoulders and dresses should be at knee. There will be an optional clinic for this portion of the pageant where attire can be discussed in more detail with the coordinator. Please see contestant conduct and ethics portion if you are questioning your attire.

Horsemanship 50%

AUGUST TBA. Gates to the rodeo grounds will be open at 7am. Competition will begin promptly at 9am, horseman ship will begin after speeches. Horsemanship time TBA. The order of appearance will be the exact opposite of the interview portion of the competition. Horsemanship will be the same for all divisions, with the exception of the Queen and if applicable Tiny Princess contestants **(Tiny Princess if added will do rail work walk/trot/stop/back and reverse and lead line is ok. They will also do a Queen's wave).**

- three judges – may or may not be the same judges from other portions of the competition. Order by draw. Horses will be numbered.

- Ranch riding pattern: Contestants will complete a horsemanship pattern which will be handed out at the Orientation. Two patterns will be handed out to the queens, but the pattern for use will not be given until the morning of the competition. Princess and Little Miss will be given their pattern at orientation. Again, contestants will be judged on their riding abilities over their horse's talent for the specific portion upon completion of the pattern. Following the horsemanship pattern contestants will approach the judges to be asked three questions of the judges' choosing. Contestants will dismount prior to being asked questions, and re-mount once the horsemanship interview is over. Walk your horse out of arena.
- Rail work Queens, Princess, Little Miss, and Tiny Princess
 - **Queen contestants only: prior to the rail work, queen contestants will swap horses.** This will be done by random draw. Queen contestants will have 15 minutes to get to know their horses and are allowed to ask each other questions about their mounts. Substitutes will be available if a horse should be determined to be dangerous by the judges and coordinator. Contestants will not change their draw horse's tack unless deemed necessary by the coordinator.

- **Princess will walk, jog, lope.**
 - **Little Miss will walk, jog.**
 - **Tiny princess will walk.**
- **QUEEN ONLY** will do a flag run (if your horse does not like flags come to the Thursday night open riding and work with your horse)
 - Queen wave: Queen and Princess will complete two full laps of the arena during which the judges will be watching your ability to ride with control and speed. They will be looking for your ability to connect with an audience from the arena.
 - Little Miss will do one lap.
 - Tiny princess will do one lap at speed of their choice.

Equipment

- All tack should be clean and in good condition. Western saddles in any style will be used. Reins must be either split or romal; no roping reins will be allowed. No Hackamores, no Halters, No sidepolls or Bosals. Bridles should be appropriate to the type of bit used. Bits should be appropriate to the horse being ridden; however, there will be no training equipment of any kind used during competition (tie-downs, martingales, cavesons, gag bits, etc.) Horses in snaffles must be ridden two handed (only for horses 5 and under), horses in shank bits (any horse 6 and over) must be ridden one handed. Spurs will be allowed. If you are in doubt regarding any of your equipment, please ask questions and give yourself plenty of time to adjust as necessary.

Attire

- Jeans, riding boots, belt with buckle, cowboy hat and button-down shirts shall be worn for this portion of the competition. Again, clothing should be well-fitting and flattering above expensive! Choose colors which flatter you and your horse. Chaps will not be permitted. Hair should be tied back for this portion of the pageant. Anything which shows movement (i.e. fringe and dangle earrings) should be avoided. There will be an optional clinic for horsemanship during which wardrobe choices can be discussed.

Horses

- Horses may be owned, leased, or borrowed. They must be sound enough to complete the tasks outlined above. Horses should be well groomed and conditioned prior to competition- a sleek, shiny and healthy horse can go a long way towards your overall presentation!

In the event of a tie, the contestant with the higher score in the horsemanship phase will be declared the winner. If this does not break the tie, the contestant with the higher score in the personality/poise phase will be declared the winner. In the event this does not break the tie, the contestant with the most ticket sales overall will be declared the winner.

Prizes will be determined on a later date but will include a Crown/Sash/Belt Buckle/perpetual chaps to the winners. Queen will have a saddle. Placings and Coronation will be announced at the rodeo (*Mandatory Event for both days - September 11th and 12th, 2021),

Participation for Contestants

- Royalty Practices / Clinic / Etcetera Date TBD based on contestant schedules! (Will be set at Orientation – Please bring your calendars/schedules) Two mandatory horsemanship practices (one optional too) and one optional clinic.

Mandatory Horsemanship Practice: _____

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Optional Horsemanship Practice: _____

Optional Royalty Attire: _____

COMPETITION DATES:

On Stage and horsemanship at rodeo grounds in August _____

Mandatory Participation for Crowned Royalty

****Please note that winners will be signing contracts outlining the MRA's expectations for them. These contracts will list all the prizes (perpetual and otherwise) and required appearances along with standards for behavior while representing the MRA. Contracts will also define factors which could cause a royalty crown to be removed. (Dates subject to change however events remain the same)**

- First MRA meeting following coronation..... 4th Tuesday in September 2021 at 7pm at The MRA grounds (September 28th, 2021)
- Veterans Dinner..... November 2021 (tentative November 9th) – Dunlap Community Club
- Veterans Parade FresnoNovember 11th, 2021
- MRA Kick-off Dinner/Dance..... February (TBA) 2021
- Clovis Rodeo Parade and Grand Entry.....Last full weekend of April 2021 – Clovis, CA
- Grand Entry Performance at the MRA Rodeo..... Weekend after Labor Day, 2022 – Rodeo Grounds

**** Subject to change ****

MRA Royalty Contestant Application Form

Instructions: Please type or print clearly. If application form is illegible, it may not be accepted. If additional space is needed, please type information on plain white paper (8 1/2 x 11) and attached to this application form.

Please include a headshot photo with your application. 8x10 head shot (color)

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Age as of August 1, 2021: _____

Birth date: _____

____ Queen ____ Princess ____ Little Miss ____ Tiny Princess

School: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Phone: (____) _____

WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN HORSES?

WHAT IS YOUR RIDING BACKGROUND?

HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN RODEO?

LIST ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITION THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED: (i.e., rodeo or horse related, school, work, church, or community service)

LIST YOUR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND HOBBIES (not related to horses)

WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE MOUNTAIN RODEO ASSOCIATION ROYALTY?
(50 words or less)

Applications are due **Tuesday June 15th 2021, by 6pm.**

****My \$20 is attached to cover my \$15 membership fee and \$5 application fee. (Non-refundable)**

2021 Mountain Rodeo Association Membership Form

You can visit our website: <http://www.mountainrodeoassociation.com/>

For information on upcoming events find us on **Facebook** (Squaw Valley MRA) or email us at squawvalleymra@gmail.com

Membership Dues:

- *Individual Membership \$15.00
- *Family Membership \$35.00
- *Family Membership includes two adults and all minor children living in one home.

Queen/Princess Contest

Judging Categories

1. POISE & APPEARANCE

A. Onstage wear appropriate west attire with cowboy hat. (Dress with boots or western pant suit)

B. Neatness and general appearance.

C. Riding Competition dress code: Boots, Jeans, Long Sleeve Button-up and cowboy hat

D. Pick a ranch rodeo event or rodeo personnel.

Give the reason why you feel that your subject is important to the sport of ranch rodeo, explain about the history surrounding the chosen topic and the purpose of the event or personnel.

(Please let coordinators know what event or personnel that you are choosing, so that we get different events and personnel covered; instead of all speeches being the same topic.)

Here are a few examples of speech topics:

- Examples of events: Barrel racing, team roping, bull Riding, bronc, wild horses, and trailer loading.

- Examples of rodeo personnel: Announcer, flagger, secretary, and rodeo judge, Association board.

E. Be prepared to model your onstage outfit.

2. PERSONALTY

A. Positive and pleasant attitude.

B. Good common sense and logic.

C. Conversational ability.

D. Showmanship (presenting oneself in a gracious manner)

E. Let your personality shine through (be yourself)

3. KNOWLEDGE

A. Organization (MRA and board members) (WSRRA)

B. Ranch Rodeo

C. Horse/Tack

D. General Knowledge

4. HORSEMANSHIP

A. Attire: Jeans, long sleeve button down shirt, and cowboy hat

B. General riding skills.

C. Control of mount.

D. Execution of pattern (Given two patterns, but you will only have to do one on day of competition)

E. Queen wave

F. Flag run

G. Horse presentation

H. Tack presentation (be prepared to mount and dismount)

Points will be awarded to contestants in the above categories through various judged events. The events may be Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Impromptu Questions. Be prepared to give your cowgirl advise. (We will go over at meeting)

Each contestant will be responsible for selling Raffle tickets for our annual raffle.

Do not stress out! You will know the answers to all the questions if you attend all the activities before the competition. We want to help you grow and will help each of you with any question you have on Royalty competition!

Little Miss/ Tiny Princess Contest Judging Categories

1. POISE & APPEARANCE

A. Onstage wear appropriate west attire with cowboy hat. (Dress with boots or western pant suit)

B. Neatness and general appearance.

C. Riding Competition dress code: Boots, Jeans, Long Sleeve Button-up and cowboy hat

D. Be prepared to say a speech about yourself and why you would like to be the
2021

Little Miss (Little princess does not give speech)

Little princess will have a fun conversation with the current Queen and Little Princess on stage

E. Be prepared to model your onstage outfit.

2. PERSONALTY

A. Positive and pleasant attitude.

B. Let your personality shine through (be yourself!)

3. KNOWLEDGE

A. Horse name

B. Tack (Little Miss)

C. Fun questions about MRA

D. Favorite event at the rodeo

4. HORSEMANSHIP

A. General riding skills.

B. Control of mount.

C. Wave

D. Horse presentation

E. Tack presentation (Clean Tack)

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