

Silver State International Rodeo

Queen Information Packet

Silver State International Rodeo uses the National High School Rodeo Association Rules as a guideline for the Queen Contest; those rules are found starting on page 139 of the National High School Rodeo Rulebook 2022-2024 version. SSIR does allow jackets and vests in competition.

The Queen contest judging is open to the public except for tests and private interviews.

ELIGIBILITY:

Girls who have just completed their senior year in High School are not eligible to compete in the Queen contest.

Girls entering the Queen contest must not be or have been married and/or pregnant.

If the current Queen is qualified to run for Queen during her reign and decides to do so she may not wear the current crown and banner during actual competition.

You must qualify through your state competition to compete at SSIR.

This is a learning experience for the contestants so they should never receive a 0 in any category EXCEPT in horsemanship, where a contestant will receive a 0 from each judge, if she falls off or is bucked off her horse.

In abidance with the National Rules: **No Judge or Queen Coordinator can be related to or live in the same household as any contestant contesting in the Queen Contest.**

One week (1 week) prior to the contest all judges will be provided with the following which is included in this packet:

1. Horsemanship pattern
2. Guidelines for Queen Contest
3. Contestant Bios

Before the contest judges will meet with the Coordinator to discuss the information contained herein and answer questions.

Five (5) judges and one (1) alternate will judge the entire contest. The alternate judge's score will be used only to break ties between first, second, third and fourth place regarding the Queen Contest total points. The High and Low Score of the five judges in each of the categories will be

thrown out and the other three scores added together to obtain a total score. If only one contestant is entered at the state/provincial level a minimum of 3 judges must be used. Judges must not discuss contestants or any portion of the contest with each other or others who may be present during the contest. Judges should not mingle with parents and friends during the contest. The same five judges will judge all portions of the contest.

A head judge will be selected at the orientation meeting. The head judge duties include; gathering of the scoresheets, placing score sheets in manila envelope and sealing the envelope.

SCORE SHEETS

The sealed manila envelope with the judges score sheets will be given to the rodeo secretary for tabulation. A parent representative may be selected to perform the duty of delivering the sealed envelope with score sheets to the rodeo secretary. The tabulation will be performed under the supervision of an accountant.

SELECTION OF JUDGES

Judges will be selection based on the following:

1. Horse knowledge
2. Rodeo background
3. Former queen/Queen's family

No one under the age of 20 years old should be allowed to judge. Anyone who has previously judged a HS Queen contest in the last 3 months will not be allowed to judge.

VISITORS AT CONTEST

Should a member of the Executive Board or Reigning Royalty attend the contest they are a Guest and should only assist as requested.

CONTESTANT DRAW

The draw is provided by the State Secretary for the Queen contest, it is the official draw.

Contestants must compete in the order of the official draw. Contestants will not be allowed to redraw at the contest. Contestants will be identified by their official draw number only.

OPTIONAL: Horsemanship may be reverse order. Contestants will be notified when they pick up their numbers.

POINT SYSTEM

The point system is the same used in the other events:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st Queen	10

2 nd 1 st Attendant	9
3 rd 2 nd Attendant	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th	1

The high and low scoring judges scores will be deleted, and the remaining judges scores will be totaled to determine the royalty.

TEST

The test will be conducted in a private area with only the contestants and a monitor present. Once tests have been handed to the contestants, they will not be allowed to leave the room until they have completed the test, signed their name and top of the sheet and are given to the monitor. Contestants will not be allowed to bring anything into the test area. The contestants may NOT sit by each other. Contestants may review and keep their test or be given a copy of their test after the contest is over. The test will follow the NHSRA Rulebook: 50 questions. Each question is worth ½ point, 17 T/F, 17 multiple choice, 16 fill in the blank.

MODELING 1-25 POINTS

Poise and smile (self-projection)
 Choreography of pattern (difficulty of maneuver)
 Eye contact with judges and audience
 Balance and coordination (no wobbles on turns)
 Use of stage area

SPEECH 1-50 POINTS

Two-minute speech: buzzer or bell will sound at the end of 2 minutes
 Contestants can finish sentences only! If the speech exceeds 2 minutes judges MAY deduct 5 pts.
 Credibility, presentation and proper movement
 Grammar and content
 Enunciation and voice projection
 Overall expression (smile, eye contact, remember words)
 Props of any kind are not allowed

APPEARANCE 1-25 POINTS

Overall appearance (Clothing clean, boots clean etc.)
Posture and fitness (Overall impression)
Presentation of smile and poise (through the entire contest)
Presentation of excellence (hair, use of makeup)
Clothing style and fashion

IMPROMPTU 1-25 POINTS

Composure, confidence and reaction
Answer applicability to topic (knowledge, humor and compassion)
Grammar
Ability to handle self in a professional manner
Presentation (development and closure)

CONTESTANTS WILL ALL BE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION

Contestants will be kept in an isolated area until it is their turn. No one will have contact with the isolated contestants.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW 1-50 POINTS

Questions will not include topics of religion or sex
Impression of interviewer
Clarity and confidence
Knowledge of subject (Current events, animal husbandry, rodeo knowledge etc.)
Personality
Interview will be conducted in a private area. ONLY the contestant and judges will be present.
Judges ask each contestant the same questions. Interview will be between 5 – 10 minutes. Each contestant is allowed the same amount of time. When time is called the contestant will complete the answer.

PERSONALITY 1-25 POINTS

Intelligence and knowledge of current events and the general ability to present herself to people in a positive manner.
Conversational ability in varied areas; grammar and proper use of English language is most important.
Genuine interest in other people and noticeable courtesy and diplomacy in all situations.

Ability to project her personality to people she may meet in a short time span; as well as being able to present herself positively in formal situations, in a riding arena, or before an audience in other activities.

Self-projection, the ability to project her personality, whether it is from horseback in the arena, on television or before an audience. Also, to be considered are a sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire and enthusiasm.

Showmanship - ability to present herself in a gracious manner, but also demonstrate ability to promote the professional sport of rodeo and serve in public events as a rodeo queen.

Have a happy outlook on life, general sense of humor, and ability to adapt to most situations requiring her presence.

Promptness in keeping the pageant schedule.

General ability to handle herself in situations that require maturity, and leadership while maintaining a genuine ability to relate to the grassroots of rodeo.

Judges will have a bio for each of the contestants, including a brief list of hobbies and other interests.

HORSEMANSHIP 1-50 POINTS

Patterns are attached

Horsemanship patterns will not be altered in any way. There will only be one go round.

Horsemanship control of the mount and execution of the pattern.

The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse. However, it is certainly recommended that you have your horse and tack clean and ready for competition.

Please make sure your equipment is in good working order.

Ability to sit a saddle - balance; position of hands, feet and seat; as well as presentation rides.

WARDROBE FOR QUEEN:

Contestants will wear jeans and western blouses or shirts, jackets and/or vests are allowed at all judged events except the speech and modeling competition and horsemanship.

Speech and modeling competition - At the speech and modeling portion of the contest, contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, jeans and shirts.

Horsemanship – Blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shirt (no ruffles, accessories or tuxedo shirts). All blouses, dresses and shirts worn in the Queen Contest must have long sleeves extending to the wrist and a collar. A collar is to be raised at least one (1) inch

on the neck. It can be a mock style collar which raises straight up on the neck or a lapel style collar that folds down on the shirt or dress.

Any contestant dressed for any Queen function in attire other than what is called for in that specific category, will be penalized five (5) points from each Judge.

ANY CONTESTANT DRESSED IN ATTIRE OTHER THAN SPECIFIED WILL BE PENALIZED 5 POINTS PER JUDGE, MAXIMUM OF 15 POINTS.

COMPLAINT PROCESS: All complaints must follow the formal complaint process.

- 1. All complaints must be written.**
- 2. Complaints must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint.**
- 3. The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible in order for appropriate action to be taken.**
- 4. Complaints may be submitted to any of the following: Queen Director or Executive Secretary.**
- 6. If a response to the complaint is desired, the letter must indicate so.**
- 7. Any complaints that do not follow the above process will be classified as invalid.**

Any contestants or parents attempting to fix, threaten, bribe, influence, harass or coerce any rodeo official at any time between opening and closing of a rodeo will be disqualified.