

QUEEN CONTEST EVENT

1) Qualifications

- a) This event is open to girls only.
- b) The State/Province contest shall be the qualifying event for the girl who is to represent that State/Province at the National Queen Contest event. Any girl accepting the queen's position and awards must represent her state/province at the National High School Finals Rodeo. In the event she chooses not to represent her state/province at the national queen contest, the state/province holds the authority on whether or not she will relinquish title, awards and prizes to the next qualified contestant. The exception to this rule is outlined in Paragraph 7 d, Specifics. (OPTIONAL) State/Provinces may conduct part(s) of their Queen Contest in advance of their State/Province Finals Rodeo. Final qualification, however, would come from the State/Province Finals. If State/Province conducts part(s) of their Queen Contest in advance of their State/Province Finals Rodeo, those part(s) cannot be held any earlier than the entry deadline for all events for the State/Province Finals Rodeo.
- c) Any reigning district/region queen who competes in the state/province queen contest and wins the title of state/province queen retains her district/region title and position for the remainder of the year and until the next district/region queen contest as long as she meets all other requirements for membership and qualification and remains in good standing. Any reigning state/province queen who competes in the national queen contest and wins the title of National High School Rodeo Queen retains her state/province title and position for the remainder of the year and until the next state/province queen contest as long as she meets all other requirements for membership and qualification and remains in good standing.
- d) Any reigning high school rodeo queen at any level who also holds a higher-ranking high school rodeo queen title will wear the title, crown and banner of the highest-ranking queen position when making official appearances on behalf of high school rodeo.
- e) Queen contestants will not be allowed to pick up an event, if they didn't qualify in an event at their State/ Province Finals.
- f) In order for a contestant to enter any events, she must have qualified for these events at her State/ Province level.
- g) Girls who have just completed their senior year in high school shall not be eligible for competition in the State/Province for National Queen's Contest.
- h) Contestants entering the Queen's Contest must not be or have been married and/or pregnant.
- i) If current State/Province or National Queen is qualified to run for queen during her reign; and decides to do so, she may not wear current crown or banner during actual competition.

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2) Judging

- a) All Judges will meet at a time and place designated by Queen Chairperson and Coordinator before actual judging takes place.
- b) Five (5) judges and one (1) alternate will judge 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 total score.
- c) Categories to be judged and points to be used are as follows:
 - (1) Modeling 1-25 points
 - (2) Personality 1-25 points
 - (3) Appearance 1-25 points
 - (4) Personal Interview 1-50 points. No questions on sex or religion will be asked. Written questions will be reviewed by chairperson and coordinator.
 - (5) Prepared Speech 1-50 points. Two-minute talk, subject or subjects to be selected by chairperson and coordinator. To be mailed by May 1 of each year. Props of any kind may not be used during the prepared speech.
 - (6) Impromptu Speech 1-25 points. Contestant will be given a question or subject to respond to.
 - (7) Test 1-25 points. 50 questions to be taken from the current rule book. 17 true/false, 17 multiple choice, and 16 fill ins. Each question is worth 1/2 (.50) points. These scores to go directly to the master score sheet.
 - (8) Horsemanship 1-50 points. Each contestant will be judged once for horsemanship. Contestant will receive a zero (0) from each judge for falling off or being bucked off the horse during the horsemanship pattern. State/Provinces holding multiple queen contests have the option of choosing from three approved reining patterns at the qualifying rodeos. Only approved patterns by the National Queen Committee will be used at State/Province Finals and National Finals. No two girls may ride the same horse in this event.
- d) Total possible points per contestant is 250 per judge, plus 25 for test.
- e) Positions for competition will be drawn for.
- f) Queen contest judging is open to the public, with the exception of test and personal interview.

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3) Attire

- a) Contestants will wear jeans and western blouses or shirts (no jackets and/or vests are allowed) at all judged events except the speech and modeling competition and horsemanship, where specific attire is outlined below.
- b) Speech and modeling competition - At the speech and modeling portion of the contest, contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, colored jeans and shirts.
- c) No dresses or skirts during crowning ceremony.
- d) Horsemanship – blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shirt (no ruffles, accessories or tuxedo shirts).
- e) 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 lapel style collar that folds down on the shirt or dress.
- f) Long sleeves, crown, banners, hat and numbers are required at all judged events. Button number may be used during modeling introductions, impromptu question, speech, and personal interview and coronation portions of contest.
- g) 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.

4) Disqualification:

- a) Any contestant who is not present and ready to compete at all scheduled and posted times of all events for the Queen Contest will be disqualified (with the exception of a doctor's release). Questionable situations will be determined by the judges and Executive Committee.
- b) Depending on the severity of the disqualification, the Executive Committee may allow a Queen Contestant to lead her association during the grand entry only.
- c) Any reigning National, State/Province, Region/District or Club Queen must relinquish crown and title for the following reasons:
 - (1) Pregnancy during reign.
 - (2) Marriage during reign.
 - (3) Conduct, which would subject her to Disciplinary Action under the Rules, By-Laws or Constitution of the Association.
- d) Contestants will be automatically disqualified for the wearing of Spandex pants at any time. Note: Spandex is a stretch type of clothing with similarities to swim wear and is not felt by committee to be appropriate.

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- 5) Scoring:
 - a) Judges in all categories will sign score sheet, put in signed and sealed envelope (furnished by Queen Chairperson) and return to Queen Chairperson immediately following each category.
 - b) During the first portion of the pageant where contestants are doing their self-introductions, contestants must follow instructions given pertaining to the introduction guidelines. Failure to do so will result in a 10 point deduction from their total score.
 - c) An accountant and the Queen Coordinator shall audit the total scores.
 - d) All scores shall be signed and posted immediately following announcement of the Queen.
 - e) No points toward the All-Around shall be allowed from the Queen Contest.
- 6) Awards:
 - a) The number of buckles awarded at Nationals will be same as the other events.
 - b) Miss Congeniality will be selected by the Queen Contestants at place and time designated by the Queen Coordinator/Chairperson.
- 7) Specifics:
 - a) No gifts shall be given by any Queen Contestant to another Queen Contestant until all judging is over.
 - b) Any complaints about Queen's Contest are to be referred in writing to National Queen Coordinator/ Chairperson.
 - c) Queen Contestant shall be required to provide their own housing during Finals Competition. No special housing shall be required by the Queen's Committee.
 - d) In the event the Reigning State/Province Queen cannot attend National competition, due to sickness or injury, and has a doctor's release and certification from her National Director, then the First Runner-Up to the Queen shall assume the capacity of her State/Province Queen at the National Finals in the Queen Contest.
- 8) The following rules are for National High School Finals Rodeo only:
 - a) Banners must be worn when contestants are in western attire, except in arena event competition. A white banner with black lettering for each state/province queen will be provided at the state's/province's expense. This banner is to be the only banner worn by all queen contestants during the National High School Finals Rodeo and National Queen Contest.
 - b) On the National level, points shall be awarded toward Team Standings to Top 20 Places. 200 pts. for Queen; 190 pts. 1st Runner-up; 180 pts. 2nd Runner-up; 170 pts. 3rd Runner-up and etc.

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- c) New Queen shall be provided expense money by NHSRA. Expense money shall be for travel, food, and lodging. This money shall be provided for trips at the discretion of the National Queen Committee and approved by the National Board.
- d) No more than two (2) judges may be from the same state. In order for any individual to be considered as a judge for the NHSRA Queen Contest, his/her resume and references must be on file in the National Office 30 days prior to the Queen Committee Meeting in January of the year, which they would judge the contest. State/Province queen coordinators cannot judge the NHSRA Queen Contest.
- e) The National Finals Queen Coordinator shall be a National Director and the chairman of the Queen Committee as appointed by the National President and approved by the National Board of Directors.
- f) The Host State shall appoint a Queen Chairman to work in cooperation with the National Queen Coordinator, as Queen Contest Director.
- g) Queen's stall decorations will be limited to one sign or poster, not to exceed 2' X 2'.