

Miss Vancouver Rodeo Rules and Regulations

These are guidelines and are not intended to be the complete "job description" for a Queen. If you have any questions about what is required please contact the Queen Coordinator.

Eligibility

Each contestant shall be in the month of competition:

- Between 16 and 24 years old
- Must reside within a 50-mile radius of the furthest north, east, south or west zip code of Vancouver, WA
- Be single, never married, pregnant, or cohabitating with a boyfriend or fiancé
- Has never committed or been convicted of any crime
- Must not have had a queen/princess or similar title removed for any reason
- Must have own transportation and a horse to use when needed. The horse that the contestant tries out on and uses throughout the year must be a stock horse.

Conduct

- Must be committed to fundraising as the successful contestant is required to earn the funds to pay for her attire, travel and other expenses that will be used during her reign.
- Must understand that this is a job. The Vancouver Rodeo is your employer, the queen coordinator is your supervisor and you are the employee. You shall conduct yourself, at all times, as if you are at your place of employment.
- Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards.
- It is understood that a young lady will have a boyfriend however, the queen must remember that she is on the job and boyfriends don't belong in the workplace. It is possible for a boyfriend to be at a function but must remain in the background.
- A judge may not be approached by a contestant, a friend of the contestant, or a member of the contestant's family with the intent to influence or harass. A judge may be approached in a cordial, respectful manner.
- Any attempt to influence or harass a judge will result in immediate disqualification.
- Each contestant is expected to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the try-outs and following the try-outs. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification.
- Always be on time. No more than 2 tardies will be allowed. Third tardy will result in disqualification.

Try-out Divisions

Appearance

- Grooming-This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail.
- Posture-How a contestant carries herself is very important. Judges will be looking for contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self confidence and poise.
- Poise and Lady-like behavior in every situation – Judges will be looking for contestants to handle each situation that they are involved in with grace and style.
- Judges will also be looking for contestants to have vast knowledge of proper etiquette.
- Western Fashion Sense – contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable, tasteful western clothing. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination and a contestant's ability to carry out a "total look".
- No titles or banners.

Personality

The purpose of this division is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

- Intelligence and good common sense
- Conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation of words
- A good sense of humor
- Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity
- Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
- Self-projection – the ability to project one's personality whether it be from horseback or during an interview.
- Promptness in keeping the try-out schedule
- Maturity

Horsemanship

- Horsemanship – Control of mount and the way any situation is handled.
- Balance – The ability to sit a saddle
- Mounting and dismounting
- Presentation wave
- Showmanship – This is how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

Interview

- Each contestant will be interviewed by the judges on a variety of horse related subjects. These questions may be related to the knowledge of tack, horse science, professional rodeo and history, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard events and knowledge of the NPRA (Northwest Professional Rodeo Association).

\$1 Ticket Sales

- Each contestant will be asked to sell 250 \$1 tickets that will be a donation to the Vancouver Rodeo Queen operating fund. The winning ticket holder will be awarded a \$100 cash prize. Ticket sales will close and all funds plus unsold tickets must be turned in to the queen coordinator by the date and time determined by the coordinator. Contestants will be awarded 1 point for every 50 tickets sold.
A maximum of 5 points will be available.

The Try-outs Will Consist of:

- Impromptu Questions
- Word Association
- Personal Interview
- Riding Pattern
- Parade Pattern
- Rodeo Run
- Pushing cows
- Line Dance
- \$1 ticket sales
- 2-minute Speech on “Rodeo