

## Attire Rules and Guidelines

Western Casual Dress Code: “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.” LONG SLEEVES, COLLAR, HAT, CROWN, BANNER AND NUMBER ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITION. No dresses or skirts during crowning ceremony. ALL BLOUSES, DRESSES AND SHIRTS WORN IN THE QUEEN CONTEST MUST HAVE LONG SLEEVES AND COLLAR!

Here is a guide of what type of attire is required/appropriate for each event.

**Horsemanship : CINCH/ CRUEL** Blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shirt with long sleeves (no ruffles, accessories, tuxedos, or other fancy styles), collar, hat, crown, banner and number. (district contest do not wear banners nor crowns)

**Personal Interviews:** Pant outfit of your choice (no vests or jackets).

**Introductions, Speeches, Modeling and Impromptu:** A western styled dress, skirt with blouse or suit is recommended; although you also have the option of wearing dress pants or colored jeans and shirts.

**Written Test and Miss Congeniality:** Pant outfit of your choice (no vests or jackets).

**Grand Entries :** Pant outfit of your choice. You will be required to dress like a queen for all grand entries, including hat, crown and banner.

**Public Appearances:** Outfit will depend upon the type of appearance scheduled. Clothing used for the contest or grand entries will be suitable.

**Coronation:** Pant outfit of your choice. Please stay in your queen attire for the award ceremony as there will be the public, media and photographers on hand.

- Western styled pants, boots, hat, belt and buckles are to be worn during all judged events, grand entries and public appearances.
- 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.

- Banners should be white with black lettering only. There will be no designation on banners for judged events as to queen or attendant – only your District number! Crown's will not be worn during judged events. They are for grand entries and public appearances.

## **Judging Guidelines**

### **Idaho High School Rodeo Association**

As a reminder, this is a learning experience for the contestants, so they should never receive a 0 in any category **EXCEPT** in horsemanship, where a contestant should receive a 0 from each judge if she falls off or is bucked off her horse. This sheet is just a small list, but not limited to, some specifics of things to look for in each category as well as how many points are possible in each category for each girl.

**Introductions** - deduction of 10 points from total score if deviate from this list!! Contestants are only to say their name, age, hometown and high school they attend. Contestants are NOT to go on with a lengthy introduction or they will lose 10 points from their total score as per NHSRA rulebook. There is not a place for you to judge this and it is not a judged category; just make sure that they say the information they are told to say and so you may get a feel for who the girls are.

**Modeling – scoring spread of 1-25 points possible** -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, etc.

**Personality – 1-25 points-** Presentation of smile and poise (throughout entire contest) Genuinely enjoying what she is doing and being there Intelligence, professional, mature Composure and confidence (but not cocky) Fun, bubbly, outgoing, sense of humor (but not immature) Character, charm, sincerity, etc.

**Appearance – 1-25 points** Overall appearance (clothing clean, boots clean, etc.) Posture and fitness (overall impression) Presentation of smile and poise (throughout entire contest) Presentation of excellence (hair, use of makeup) Clothing style and fashion (NHSRA approved, no jackets or vests; plain white shirt in horsemanship)

**Two-minute Speech – 1-50 points** Speech is to be two minutes and based on her country, state or anything with a western theme. Buzzer or bell will sound at the end of 2 minutes. Contestant is allowed to finish sentence only! If exceeds judges may deduct 5 points. Credibility, presentation and proper movements Grammar and content Enunciation and voice projection (manner of speaking clear) Overall expression (smile, eye contact, remember words)

**Impromptu Question – 1-25 points** Composure, confidence, and reaction Answer applicability to topic (knowledge, humor and compassion) Grammar Ability to handle one's self in a professional manner Presentation (development and closure) Contestants will be isolated during the impromptu. All contestants will be asked the same question. Contestants will not be allowed to leave the isolated area until it is their turn to compete and no one will be allowed to contact the isolated contestants.

**Personal Interview – 1-50 points** Questions may not include topics of religion or sex Impression of interviewer (self projection, presentation) Clarity and confidence Knowledge of subjects (current events, animal husbandry, rodeo, etc.) Personality (includes character, charm, sincerity, etc.) Interviews will be conducted in a private area. Only the contestant and judges in attendance. Judges ask each contestant the same questions. Interview should be 10 minutes. Each contestant is allowed the same amount of time.

**Horsemanship – 1-50 points** Horsemanship patterns should not be altered in any way. There is only one go-round of horsemanship. Things to look for: Hands, feet and seat. Riders balance and bounce Hands in correct position Elbows should not bounce Hands should be soft and in front of horn Straight line from her shoulder, to hip, to her toe Heels down, not flat or up Overall look and confidence Horse's appearance, cleanliness, grooming, etc. Contestant cleanliness, plain white shirt (no extra's) with **CINCH/CRUEL blue denim** jeans Hat and boot cleanliness Correctness of pattern Correct leads or corrected leads, flying lead changes, etc. Nice stops - horse doesn't walk out of stops Keeps center of arena Definition in speed and circle size (large should be large and fast, small should be slow and small) Use of full arena and smart about what parts of arena to use (if there is a mud hole - avoid it) If there are any deviations from the pattern, scores should reflect such deviations, and points should be deducted as appropriate. Contestant will only receive a zero (0) from each judge for falling off or being bucked off the horse during the horsemanship pattern.

Please keep in mind that these are just a few reminders of things to look for, but there are many other things that may factor into your decision on scores. Please don't feel like you can't differ from this page or have your own opinion; this is just a small guide.