

2009



Pageant Handbook and Rules



Who is Miss Jefferson County Rodeo?

Miss Jefferson County Rodeo is the spokesperson for the Jefferson County Rodeo. She is a representative of Jefferson County and the sport of Rodeo.

The Jefferson County Rodeo is an annual event steeped rich in county history – dating back over 30 years. The Jefferson County Rodeo Committee is proud to host the queen competition and hopes to continue this pageant for many years to come.

The reigning queen will be asked to attend events and make appearances relating to the Jefferson County Rodeo. These appearances may include but are not limited to parades, interviews (radio, television and newspaper), school visits, nursing home visits, sponsor visits and a variety of other events. She will act as an official representative of the Jefferson County Rodeo by making public appearances as well as promoting the sport of rodeo.



Sponsorships

Miss Jefferson County Rodeo may secure sponsorships during her reign. However, any sponsorship must have approval of the Miss Jefferson County Rodeo Queen Pageant Committee and the Jefferson County Rodeo Committee to avoid conflicts. Said sponsorships may not take precedence over the Pageant or Rodeo sponsors. The purpose of the sponsorship is to secure the growth and continuation of the Jefferson County Rodeo Queen Pageant.



Pageant Information

The entry fee to enter the Jefferson County Rodeo Queen Pageant is \$35. This fee includes the cost of the pageant and meals during the competition and the rodeo.

All judging for the pageant will take place May 1st and 2nd at the Hillsboro Community Civic Club in Hillsboro, Missouri.

There will be an Orientation on March 31, 2009 which is required for all contestants to attend.

All contestants are required to be present at the Jefferson County IPRA Championship Rodeo, June 12th & 13th at the Hillsboro Fairgrounds.

Contestants will not have to pay any door/gate fees for pageant events or the rodeo.

Schedule of Pageant events and Schedule of Rodeo events are included in this handbook.

Guests of contestants must purchase tickets at the door for the Get Acquainted BBQ, Fashion Show & Auction, as well as the rodeo itself to be in the audience. Discounted tickets will be available for advance purchase for those interested in attending the rodeo. All other events are free to the public.

Prizes will include but are not limited to: crown, sash, belt buckle, jacket, and saddle. The winner of the title will have the option to have her entry fees paid to compete in the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant in September 2009. Plaques will be awarded to the winners of horsemanship, best speech, most photogenic, and Miss Congeniality.

- Decision to compete in Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant must be made by August 1, 2009.



RULES

All contestants must not be less than 18 years of age nor more than 24 years of age to be eligible to compete in the pageant.

May either be an amateur or professional horsewoman or rodeo contestant.

Shall have never been married or have had a child.

Former titleholders are **NOT** eligible.

Absolutely no public display of affection or fraternizing of any kind will be tolerated.

Underage drinking **WILL NOT** be tolerated.

All contestants are to act in a lady like manner at all times. Contestants may be disqualified for behaviors that are considered inappropriate. The winner may also lose her title for inappropriate behavior.

Contestants will not slander other contestants, judges, committee members or others involved with the Jefferson County Rodeo or the Jefferson County Rodeo Queen Pageant.

Conduct unbecoming a queen candidate will not be tolerated. Contestants are still considered candidates – and representatives of the Jefferson County Rodeo, even after the crowning of the Jefferson County Rodeo Queen while on the Hillsboro Community Civic Club grounds. Any unbecoming conduct will be grounds for disqualification in future pageants as well.

If at any time during the reign of Miss Jefferson County Rodeo these rules are broken, she will forfeit her crown, sash, and all other winnings and the 1st runner up will step into her place.

Contestants should fully understand the rules and regulation of the Miss Jefferson County Rodeo Queen Pageant before entering the pageant. If a contestant has a question about these rules and regulations then she should contact the Pageant Director.



Pageant Judging

Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of competition. They should all have awareness of correct western dress, are an experienced western type horseman or woman who is accustomed to judging events and work with the public in every day situations.

The scheduled judged activities will include but are not limited to the following: horsemanship, photogenic, prepared speech, modeling, written test, personal interview, impromptu question, appearance, and personality.

Speech: A 3 – 5 minute speech will be prepared on a given topic. The judges will be looking for knowledge of subject as well as entertainment, and to see how well you can project confidence throughout your presentation. This year's speech topic will be *"Here Today, Gone Tomorrow."*

Modeling: Each contestant will be required to model a dress outfit, arena outfit, and casual outfit of their choice at the Fashion Show. The judges will be looking for originality, style, neatness and color coordination.

Personality: Personality will be judged throughout the pageant. While this may not be a specific judging event, it will be imperative. The aim of this division is to select the contestant who rates highest in conversational ability, sense of humor, genuine interest in other people, and disposition. The judges will be watching to see how and if you interact with the audience and project a friendly smile as to be approachable to people in the crowd. Maturity, High Moral Standards, Sincerity and Integrity play a big part of this section. Since the queen will have much contact with the public being at ease in front of large crowds is important. Good common sense is essential.

Horsemanship: The purpose of this division is to select a girl who rates highest in horsemanship skills. Balance, position of hands, and seat will be judged. Contestants will be asked to demonstrate a pattern and a queens run. Questions will be asked on knowledge of rodeo and horses. Contestants must provide their own horse for the competition. The horse and tack will not be considered as part of the scoring, but should be neatly groomed with clean tack. Each contestant should dress as if they are Miss Jefferson County Rodeo riding at a rodeo during her reign. **Chaps are not permitted!**

Photogenic: The pageant will have a Photographer who will take all photos of the contestants to be submitted for this portion of the competition. Each contestant will choose her own photo that will be submitted. Scores are based on the contestants' attire, general attractiveness, and depth of personality shown.

Written Test: The written test may include the following: general rodeo knowledge, horse care, and current events.

Personal Interview: Question topics are unlimited and up to the judges' discretion but may include rodeo rules, your goals, current events, sponsors, and information from your application.

Impromptu Question: These questions may range from current events to rodeo rules to fun and opinionated. The judges will be looking to see how well you think on your feet and how you form your answers while projecting your personality.

Appearance: The purpose of this category is to select the girl who rates highest in attractiveness and grooming. The judges will be looking for current rodeo queen styles, clothing and accessories are neat, clean, and fit well, make-up is appropriate and accents features, hair is clean and styled neatly, hat is clean and shaped properly, and posture is straight. Appearance scores will be combined from all the events for a final score in this category.

ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL



2009 Tentative Itinerary

DATE	TIME*	EVENT	LOCATION
March 31 st	7pm	Pageant Orientation	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
May 1 st	6:30 pm	Get Acquainted BBQ	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	8pm	Candidate Speeches	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
May 2 nd	8 am	Horsemanship Competition	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	10 am	Interviews & Written Horsemanship	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	11:30 am	Lunch	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	12-5:30pm	Break/Prep for Show & Dinner	
	5:30pm	Queen Gala Dinner	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	7pm	Fashion Show	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	8pm	Queen Auction	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
June 12th	5pm	Rodeo Gates Open	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	8pm	Rodeo Grand Entry	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	9pm	2009 JCRQP Awards	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
June 13 th	5pm	Rodeo Gates Open	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	8pm	Rodeo Grand Entry	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
	9pm	2009 JCRQP Awards/ Queen Crowned!	Hillsboro Community Civic Club
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*Candidates are expected to arrive at each event at least ½ hour ahead of times listed for final prep and last minute questions (excluding Orientation)



Schedule of Events – Friday June 12th, 2009

- 5pm – Gates Open
- 6pm – Music Presented by WheelHorse
- 8pm Grand Entry
 Bare Back
 Saddle Bronc
 Calf Roping
 Steer Wrestling
 Team Roping
- 9pm (Approximately) Intermission
 Announcements
 2009 Miss Jefferson County Rodeo Awards
 Half-Time Entertainment
- 9:30 pm (Approximately)
 Girl's Barrel Racing
 Bull Riding
- 10pm Conclusion of Rodeo

Schedule of Event – Saturday June 13th, 2009

- 5pm – Gates Open
 - Kid's Day Begins
 - Cowboy Supper (For All Contestants and Rodeo Workers – Only)
- 6pm – Music Presented by WheelHorse
- 8pm – Grand Entry
 - Bare Back
 - Saddle Bronc
 - Calf Roping
 - Steer Wrestling
 - Team Roping
- 9pm (Approximately) Intermission
 - Intermission – Announcements
 - 2009 Miss Jefferson County Rodeo Awards
 - Half-Time Entertainment
- 9:30 pm (Approximately)
 - Girl's Barrel Racing
 - Bull Riding
- 10pm Conclusion of Rodeo