

Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen/Princess Contestant

Rules and Regulations

Entry Fee: \$50 (non-refundable)

1. A queen contestant shall be no less than 16 years of age and no more than 24 years of age and a princess contestant no less than 11 years of age and no more than 15 years of age by the first day of the pageant to compete.
2. A contestant must have never been married, had children, or been pregnant.
3. The contestant must be a citizen of the United States, but need not be a resident of the state of Michigan.
4. Contestants are required to dress in appropriate western attire for each appearance.
5. Contestants are not permitted at any time during the pageant to smoke, drink or use foul language
6. A contestant must be an experienced rider and own or have access to a horse for use in the horsemanship competition, grand entries, parade and future rodeo appearances should she be crowned queen/princess
7. Any horses that are deemed dangerous by the U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen/Princess Committee, U.P. Championship Rodeo Board, and/or the horsemanship judges will not be allowed to compete. Dangerous is defined as bucking, rearing, running off or otherwise out of control. Horses must be able to enter the arena, carry a flag and run back cattle.
8. Throughout the competition, the same horse must be used. Proof of a negative coggins is required.
9. Contestants may not bring or ride a stallion.
10. Application must be accompanied by a vertical format (portrait) "head shot" in western wear, including a hat. Contestant name should be printed on the back of each picture. These DO NOT need to be professional photos. Please include five 4x6 photos (all the same picture) as well as a digital copy. Prints will not be returned.
11. The entry application must be signed by the contestant and, if under the age of 18, by a parent or legal guardian.
12. Contestant must provide three (3) written and signed character references not to include family members. Example: teacher, youth leader, employer. References should provide their address and phone number.
13. Each contestant will be required to sell ten (10) U.P. Championship Rodeo raffle tickets. Tickets will be mailed to the contestant after the application has been received by the U.P. Championship Rodeo.

14. Campsites will be available for immediate family members wishing to stay on the grounds. Please call ASAP to let us know if you will be camping.
15. Each contestant will be assigned one stall in the main rotunda at the grounds which the contestant or designated party will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning. A stall deposit of \$25 is required and will be refunded after the barns have been thoroughly inspected. Any stalls left unclean will forfeit their deposit. Deposit checks will be mailed back to the contestant the week after the rodeo.
16. All contestants must be present at the final rodeo performance until the performance is complete.
17. Each contestant must have a sponsor or sponsors, but only one must be designated to be represented on the contestant's sash. Sashes will be provided by the U.P. Championship Rodeo.
18. All contestants will be given two all-access passes, one must be worn by the contestant at all times and the other may be given to an individual of their choosing to assist in handling their horse. Only those designated and wearing the all-access passes will be permitted in the contestant/chute area.
19. Should a contestant's handler reflect poorly or do anything to misrepresent the U.P. Championship Rodeo it will reflect on the contestant. The U.P. Championship Rodeo's Grievance Committee has authority to disqualify the contestant.
20. At U.P. Rodeo we realize the value of social media in today's society. It plays an important part in helping to promote our rodeo and that is why we would like to express the importance of always holding the rodeo in a positive light. The role of a PRCA rodeo queen or princess is to help promote our PRCA rodeo and the sport in general. **ANY** degrading posts, photos or comments on any format of social media, or defamation of the rodeo's name in any way, will not be tolerated and may cause for expulsion from the competition or reign.
21. Contestants must be on time and prepared for all appearances.
22. Contestants are responsible for their own tack and other property while on the U.P. Championship Rodeo grounds. The U.P. Championship Rodeo is not liable for any lost or stolen property.
23. The judges are carefully selected and have been instructed to seek contestants exemplifying: sincerity, integrity, intelligence, high moral standards, maturity, public speaking skills, horsemanship ability, and knowledge of rodeo, horse science and current events.
24. The judges reserve the right not to award a title to any or all participants who they feel are not deserving or qualified of being awarded said title.
25. As in all competition, there can only be one winner, but each of you are winners and enriched individuals participating. Please remember to practice good sportsmanship as this should be a learning experience where you will gain skills that will benefit you for the rest of your life. It is said that it takes a greater person to be a gracious loser than to be a winner. Each contestant can do a lot to promote the great sport of rodeo and create further interest in the pageant regardless of the placing.

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- a. **Horsemanship**
- b. **Personality**
- c. **Appearance**

- d. **Rodeo Knowledge**
- e. **Personal Interviews**
- f. **Extemporaneous Questions**

a. **Horsemanship:**

- a. Each contestant will be judged on their horsemanship skills by performing a horsemanship pattern. This pattern will be given to contestants after receiving their signed application. Judges will conduct a brief interview following the completion of the horsemanship pattern. Questions may include knowledge of any equine related topic. Each contestant must abide by AQHA rules and standards.

b. **Personality:**

- a. Contestants will be judged on personality during all appearances throughout the competition. Judges will be looking for a contestant who is sincere, has a positive attitude, and passion for promoting the sport of rodeo, as well as how they interact with the group.

c. **Appearance:**

- a. Through the competition, contestants will be judged on their appearance. Contestants should wear well-fitted western styled clothing that is clean, pressed and in good condition. Grooming of hair, nails, and makeup is also taken into consideration. Sleeveless or revealing clothing is not permissible. Sashes are to be worn at all times.

d. **Rodeo Knowledge:**

- a. Each contestant will be given a rodeo knowledge test. This test will be based on the history of the U.P. Championship Rodeo, rodeo events, and other general rodeo knowledge.

e. **Personal Interviews:**

- a. Judges will be conducting an interview with each contestant individually. The personal interviews will allow judges to evaluate the contestant's personality and the ability to interact. Questions for the personal interview may cover a wide variety of topics.

f. **Extemporaneous Questions:**

- a. Immediately following the modeling portion of the contest, each contestant will be asked an impromptu question as well as an extemporaneous question related to the sport of rodeo, animal welfare, or rodeo related events.

The following items need to be post marked by June 17, 2019. Late entries will be accepted with an entry fee of \$75 and must be post marked by June 24, 2019.

Please mail to:

U.P. Championship Rodeo
Queen Committee
105 Theodore Street
Iron River, MI 49935

Please include:

- U.P. Rodeo Princess application (Please make sure all forms are signed)
- Five copies of contestant photo
- Digital copy of photo emailed to info@uprodeo.com
- Proof of age (Birth certificate or driver's license)
- \$50 entry fee (\$75 after June 24, 2019)
- \$25 stall deposit – please issue separate check
- Three (3) reference letters

The following items need to be handed in upon arrival at rodeo grounds

- 3 copies of negative coggins