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U.P. Rodeo, Inc. 105 Theodore Street

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U.P. Championship Rodeo

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Iron River, MI 49935

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## Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen/Princess Contestant Rules and Regulations

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. If Miss U.P. Rodeo/ U.P. Rodeo Princess marries or becomes pregnant during her reign, she shall forfeit her title and all the benefits, prizes, and monies awarded from the pageant.
3. Should Miss U.P. Rodeo/U.P. Rodeo Princess be unable to complete her reign, a majority vote is needed by the U.P. Championship Rodeo Board for the first runner-up to assume the title. In which case the majority is in favor, all benefits that were forfeited will go to first runner-up.
4. The contestant must be a citizen of the United States but need not be a resident of the State of Michigan.
5. Contestants are required to dress in appropriate western attire for each appearance.
6. Contestants are not permitted at any time during the pageant to smoke, drink alcohol, or use foul language.
7. 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.
8. Any horses that are deemed dangerous by the U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen/Princess Committee, U.P. Rodeo, Inc. 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.
9. Throughout the competition, the same horse must be used. **Proof of negative coggins is required; two copies will need to be provided prior to unloading on the grounds.**
10. Contestants may not bring or ride a stallion.
11. 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 (5) 4x6 photos (all the same picture) as well as a digital copy.** Prints will not be returned.
12. The entry application must be signed by the contestant and, if under the age of 18, by a parent or legal guardian.
13. Contestant must provide **three (3) written and signed character references.** Family members are not valid. Examples are teachers, youth leaders, employer, etc. References should provide their address and phone number and should accompany application.

14. Each contestant will be required to sell 50/50 tickets at each performance. The newly crowned queen/princess will not sell 50/50 during the final performance as they will be running event flags.
15. 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 needing a spot.
16. Each contestant will be assigned one stall on the upper 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 and it will also impact future applications. Contestants are responsible for their own feed throughout the weekend.  
Shavings for stalls will be provided for you.
17. **All contestants must be present at the final rodeo performance until the performance is complete.**
18. Each contestant must have a sponsor or sponsors, but only one will be designated to be represented on the contestant's sash. Sashes will be provided by the U.P. Championship Rodeo.
19. All contestants will be given two (2) all-access wristband passes, one for contestant and one for handler. These wristbands must be worn at all times. Only those designated and wearing the wristbands will be permitted in the contestant/chute area.
20. Should a contestant's handler reflect poorly or do anything to misrepresent the U.P. Championship Rodeo, it will reflect on the contestant. Any conduct non-becoming of a contestant or handler will be reviewed by the U.P. Championship Rodeo Board and dismissal may be the end result.
21. At the U.P. Championship 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 and our contestants 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 platform of social media or defamation of the U.P. Championship Rodeo name or contestants' names in any way, will not be tolerated and may cause for expulsion from the competition or reign.
22. Contestants must be on time and prepared for all appearances.
23. 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.
24. The judges are carefully selected and have been instructed to seek a queen/princess exemplifying sincerity, integrity, intelligence, high moral standards, maturity, public speaking skills, horsemanship ability, and knowledge of rodeo, horse science, and current events.
25. 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 Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen/Princess title.
26. As in all competitions, there can be only one winner. Each of you are winners and enriched individuals participating. Please remember to practice good sportsmanship as this is a learning experience where you will attain skills that will benefit you for the rest of your lives. 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 their placing.

## Rodeo Queen/Princess Contest Details

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| a. Horsemanship            | d. Rodeo Knowledge     |
| b. Personality             | e. Personal Interviews |
| c. Appearance<br>Questions | f. Extemporaneous      |

**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 the final application deadline. 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 regulations.

**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 distinguish the contestant’s personality and the ability to converse. Questions for the personal interview may cover a wide variety of topics.**
- f. **Extemporaneous Questions:**
- a. **During the “welcome dinner”, contestants will be asked one current event question. On Friday, immediately following the modeling portion of the contest, each contestant will be asked an impromptu question as well as two extemporaneous questions related to the sport of rodeo, animal welfare, or rodeo related events.**

The following items need to be post marked by May 28, 2024. Late entries will be accepted and must be post marked by June 11, 2024.

Please mail to:

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

**Don’t forget to include:**

- Signed U.P. Championship Rodeo Queen/Princess Application
- Signed Rules and Regulations form.
- Five copies of contestant photo (with contestant name on back)
- Proof of age (birth certificate or driver’s license)
- \$75 entry fee (\$100 after May 28, 2024)
- \$25 stall fee (please issue separate check, will be returned if stall is clean)
- Three (3) reference letters with address and phone number
  
- Please email copy of contestant photo to [info@uprodeo.com](mailto:info@uprodeo.com)
  
- Please hand in 2 copies of negative coggins upon arrival.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if contestant is under 18)