

What To Expect If You Run For Miss Wyoming High School Rodeo

(READ THOROUGHLY AND CAREFULLY)

There are 8 categories in the contest. They are:

1. Personal Interview (1-50 points)- This is a 10 minute interview with the six judge panel. Be sure that you are up on your horse knowledge, rodeo knowledge, and current events in the rodeo and agriculture industries and in the mainstream news. Be prepared to answer a myriad of questions. Check out some of the rodeo queen resources out there to help give insight into this portion of the contest.
2. Horsemanship (1-50points)- We will be using the same pattern that you can find on the NHSRA website for the queen contest www.nhsra.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018-NHSFR-Queen-Contest-Information.pdf (Refer to page 4 for the pattern) It isn't about the horse you ride, it is about how well you ride the horse and how well you execute the pattern on the horse you are riding. **Cinch/Cruel Girl blue denim jeans must be worn** and white button down shirt or blouse.
3. Prepared Speech (1-50 points)- You will be required to deliver a 2 minute speech on one of the following topics... your country, state/province or on anything with a western theme.
4. Modeling (1-25points)- This is your opportunity to present yourself and the outfit you have chosen. Practice a modeling pattern or several patterns before the contest so that you are comfortable modeling your outfit and not worrying about how or where you are going to walk. **(Refer to the Rule Book for Dress Code stipulations)** You will be modeling while the current queen reads a portion of your biography. This usually takes about 45 seconds to a little over a minute. We will schedule a time for you to practice on the stage. This will likely occur after Horsemanship.
5. Appearance (1-25 points)- Dress according to the rules for the contest. Queen Contest Dress Code can be found in your NHSRA Rulebook under the Queen Contest Section. Infractions of the rules will result in a deduction of points. Make sure that you are well-groomed and appropriately clothed.
6. Personality (1-25 points)- Be the best you that you can be but above all be yourself. In the words of the past Miss WHSR, past Miss Rodeo Wyoming and past Miss Rodeo America, Stacey Talbott Sinclair, "If you win, you want to win it being you because if you win being someone you aren't, it will be hard to be that person for the next 365 days." The judges are judging you on who they see you to be during the contest. Be sure they see the real you.
7. Impromptu Speech (1-25 points)- The judge panel will create one question. Each contestant will be required to answer the same question. No

contestant will know or hear the question beforehand nor will she be able to hear the question or the answers of the contestants that go before her.

8. Written Test (1-25 points)- Test 1-25 points. 50 questions to be taken from the current rule book. 17 true/false, 17 multiple choice, and 16 fill ins. Each correct answer is worth 1/2 (.50) points. These scores to go directly to the master score sheet.

REMEMBER...You are here to compete, learn, have fun, create positive relationships, and experience personal growth. It goes without saying that there will only be one girl who comes away with the crown. If you aren't that girl, you still win. You win by experience, by stepping outside of your comfort zone, by meeting new people and most importantly by learning or practicing life skills that will benefit you far into the future. This contest is no different than any contest in the arena. Sometimes you win the prize, sometimes you don't. In either case, this association and those who are standing behind you know that you will be a good sportswoman because that is what "real cowgirls" are expected to do.

NOTE TO PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GUARDIANS and FAMILY MEMBERS or FRIENDS of QUEEN CONTESTANTS: Any of the above mentioned people may not, at any time, approach the queen student director, judges or coordinator during the contest to express a grievance. Should this occur, it will be considered grounds for instant disqualification of the contestant to whom the person is connected.

According to the NHSRA Rulebook General Rules for Contestants

#7. Only contestants will be allowed to register complaints and these must be placed first through the Contestant Event Director, National Director or Arena Director before the end of the performance or slack in which the question arose.

In short, only a queen contestant may file a grievance and must do so first with the Student Director (reigning queen), National Director or Queen Coordinator.

Should you earn the title, you will be considered a student director for the queen contest. With this comes responsibility. You will be expected to get sponsorship for a saddle (equivalent to \$1500), a belt buckle (\$250) and prizes for potentially 5-8 of the queen contest categories. Some of those categories have been sponsored by the same people or businesses for many years. This is a big help in getting the prizes taken care of. Be sure that you express your gratitude to program and association sponsors personally and not just to people who are sponsoring you on a personal level. You will also be expected

to attend board meetings of the WHSRA. There are usually 3 or 4 throughout the year.

You will be required to compete in the Miss National High School Rodeo 2018-19 Contest held at Rock Springs in July. If you cannot fulfill this responsibility, a meeting will be held with the committee and the board to decide the best course of action.

You are expected to be at every rodeo during the regular season, including state finals, and to assist with Grand Entries. If you feel this may be a problem, please speak with the queen coordinator to see if missing rodeos is permissible.

Other duties and responsibilities will be discussed with you and your support people after the state contest concludes.

How Do I Enter The Queen Contest?

1. When filling in your state entries, be sure to select the Queen Contest and pay the \$60 entry fee along with all of your other entry fees.
2. Fill out the biography page. We will use the National Biography <https://www.nhsra.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019-NHSFR-Queen-Contest-Information.pdf> page 4 so that in such a case as you garner the title, you will not have to fill out the National Biography page again. It is convenient and can be filled out online and then printed off. That being said, be thoughtful in how you fill in your application. Please send it as an attachment to gerdadickinson@vermillionranchlp.com or give it to the coordinator **on or before May 19.** That is Casper, ladies. ☺
3. You must submit• 1 color VERTICAL photograph (any size, but no smaller than 3x5, head and shoulders shot only, no full lengths, no crown or banner). Photo may be emailed to gerdadickinson@vermillionranch.com or gerdadickinson@yahoo.com in a jpg format at a size of 3X5 and a resolution of 300 dpi. Include the contestant's name and state in the email. • 1 color VERTICAL photograph (8 x 10, head and shoulders shot only, no full lengths, no crown or banner). **NO** emails accepted for the 8X10 photo. • **CLEARLY MARK THE BACK OF ALL PICTURES WITH CONTESTANT'S NAME AND STATE *** VERY IMPORTANT!! *****
4. Submit Photos and Biography to Queen Coordinator by May 19th . **Do Not** send these items with your state entries to Dixie.

If you earn the title and are happy with your smaller photo and your 8x10 photo, these can be the photos that are submitted for Nationals. Otherwise, different photos can be submitted to Dixie Huxtable, WY National Director

within (3) days after State Finals. Please put your name on the back of each photo.

YOU MAY HAND DELIVER YOUR 8X10 TO GERDA DICKINSON, QUEEN COORDINATOR, BY MAY 19 OR SEND IT POST MARKED BY MAY 18th TO: Gerda Dickinson RTE. 1 South HWY 430 Rock Springs, WY 82901

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Gerda at (307)350-3060, call or text (307)705-2109, send a message to the Miss Wyoming High School Rodeo Facebook page or to Gerda Dickinson on Facebook or email at gerdadickinson@vermillionranchlp.com or gerdadickinson@yahoo.com