

# 2023-2024 Miss Rodeo Junction City Queen Rules & Regulations

## Eligibility

1. Queen contestants must be between the ages of 13-25 years old.
2. Queen contestants must be a United States Citizen.
3. Must be single, never married and have no children.
4. Must be a resident of Kansas for one year.
5. Former Miss Rodeo Junction City titleholders are not eligible.
6. Must have executed and signed ALL contest forms, photographs, and waivers of liability precedents prior to competition.
7. Abide by ALL Rules and Regulations of the Miss Rodeo Junction City Pageant and the Junction City Rodeo Association.
8. When a contestant becomes Miss Rodeo Junction City, she must be able to fulfill all required duties of her reign for the year of her title. Please READ and UNDERSTAND THE RULES & REGULATIONS before entering the pageant.
9. ALL contestants must pay a \$50.00 non-refundable entry fee and mail along with her entry form, photo(s) and all required paperwork.
10. Any contestants must not hold any other title in conjunction with the Miss Rodeo Junction City title. IF you currently have a title and will be passing that title on before the Miss Rodeo Junction City pageant, that is permissible.
11. Contestants must not have ANY outward piercings other than her earrings (Refer to MRJC Contract)
12. Contestants MAY NOT reside in the same household with the opposite gender. (Exceptions are family i.e., father, brother, grandfather, etc.).
13. Must be 13 years of age by or on January 1, 2023.

## Rules & Regulations:

Contestants must at ALL times conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray higher moral and ethical standards.

1. Contestants WILL NOT be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language of ANY kind at ANY time. In the event any Rules & Regulations are broken the Miss Rodeo Junction City Queen Committee & Junction City Rodeo Association will take the proper measures and you will forfeit your title and ALL prizes to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up.
2. Contestants must read and sign a Waiver Agreement, Release of Liability, Expectations and Medical Release form, complete and return all documents along with their entry fee and photographs to the MRJC Director by JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023.
3. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and follow all wardrobe guidelines.
4. ALL contestants must be checked in by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
5. Contestants will draw for positions at check-in.
6. Contestants will ride in the Friday and Saturday night Grand Entry (if there is one).
7. Modeling attire (two outfits) will be western dress outfits, consisting of western jeans and western blouse AND western dress or blouse/skirt combo. **Can be fashion forward.**
8. Following the Horsemanship competition, each contestant will make a Queen Fly By and Flag Run. Bring your own flag boot and have it secured to your saddle BEFORE competition.
9. The 2023-2024 Miss Rodeo Junction City will be crowned during the Saturday night performance of the rodeo after Bareback.
10. IF at ANY time, the reigning Miss Rodeo Junction City cannot fulfill her duties, ALL prizes will be forfeited to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up and she will take over as the reigning Miss Rodeo Junction City for the remainder of the reign.
11. Appearances during Miss Rodeo Junction City's reign are to be agreed upon between the MRJC Director, committee and her parents, if a minor.

12. Be sure to READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES & REGULATIONS and CONTRACT on the JCRA website before entering our pageant. In addition, be ready to fulfill these expectations and duties asked of you. Do NOT hesitate to contact the MRJC Director to have all your questions and concerns answered properly to a mutual understanding.
13. ALL MRJC queen contestants are required to be at the Sponsor Supper on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the Special Needs Rodeo on Saturday morning July 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
14. ALL decisions of the judges and MRJC Director are FINAL!
15. All prizes awarded are that of the recipients with the exception of the DJ Prochaska Memorial Traveling Chaps and the DJ Prochaska Memorial Traveling Crown. The crown is sponsored by Vickie & Norm Schmidt and Shelly & Matt Picking families. (Mother and sister of Guy Winters Jr).
16. Contestants must be present at all activities during the pageant. Failure to do so may result in a 50-point deduction. More than once will result in disqualification from the pageant.
17. The MRJC queen committee and the JCRA expect ALL contestants to display the HIGHEST level in sportsmanship before, during AND after the crowning. Each contestant should remember she is not only representing the JCRA but also the city of Junction City, herself, her family and the great sport of rodeo.
18. Contestants will rider their own horse in the rodeo and pageant. Judges' discretion during horsemanship competition.
19. Contestants and visiting royalty's parents are responsible for their own lodging accommodations. Our host hotel is THE HAMPTON INN.
20. All contestants will stay at The Hampton Inn with the MRJC Director, current MRJC and visiting royalty.
21. There will be no changing of ANY Rules or Regulations to accommodate ANY contestant, SO DON'T ASK!!
22. Contestants may NOT bring their cell phones with them to the hotel. The MRJC Director will have their phone and will give their number to all parents/guardians. IF FOUND WITH YOUR PHONE, THERE WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC 50 POINT DEDUCTION. If your parent/guardian will not be at check-in with you or until the first performance of the rodeo, the MRJC Director will hold onto your phone. PLEASE remind your family you will not have your phone until the competition is over.
23. Stalls are limited – FIRST ENTRIES RECEIVED WILL HAVE A STALL SECURED. After that you must provide your own round pen to put next to your trailer.

### **Reasons for Disqualification and/or Point Deduction:**

**(These will be STRICTLY enforced)**

- Coaching from the sidelines by family, friends or queen coach. ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.
- Any contestant's family, friends or queen coach interferes with any part of the pageant.
- Any contestant, contestant's family, friend or queen coach harasses or tries to influence any of the judges, MRJC Queen Committee, JCRA Members, stock contractor and/or their help, or the current Miss Rodeo Junction City and/or her family.
- A contestant's behavior is found unbecoming of a rodeo queen candidate.
- Slander or badmouthing ANY contestant, judge, MRJC Queen Committee member, JCRA member, stock contractor and/or their help, or the current Miss Rodeo Junction City and/or her family.

### **Judging Guidelines:**

**The Miss Rodeo Junction City queen contestants will be judged on Horsemanship, Appearance & Personality, Modeling, Interview, Photogenics, Written Test and Speech.**

The Schedule of activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Personal Interview
- Modeling

- Horsemanship/riding patterns, Rail Work, pushing cattle
- Luncheon appearance
- Rodeo appearances
- Sponsor Visits and/or local business visits

**Judges are aware of the current western rodeo fashion.**

### **Horsemanship:**

Horsemanship attire is to be that of blue jeans and a white long sleeve shirt.

The Horsemanship competition consists of, but not limited to pattern, pushing cattle, rail work (if needed, judge's discretion), fly by and flag run. BRING YOUR OWN FLAG BOOT and have it secured on your saddle and ready to go.

The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in:

- Her riding abilities
- Her showmanship abilities
- Horsemanship – control of the horse in any given situation
- Balance-riders ability to sit in the saddle properly
- Positioning of the hands, feet and seat.
- Mounting and Dismounting from her horse

The understanding and the skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse and equipment. ALTHOUGH, your tack and saddle should be clean. Appearance and aspect of the Horsemanship is the way a queen candidate presents herself on horseback. Contestants MUST abide by the Horsemanship dress code.

**CHAPS AND SPURS ARE NOT PERMITTED** in the Horsemanship part of the competition. Tie downs are acceptable if needed to control your horse.

During Horsemanship, all contestants will be saddling their horse in the arena, with the current Miss Rodeo Junction City and visiting royalty holding each horse. NO ONE else is allowed in the arena or in the announcer's stand or near the gate the girls enter and exit during any portion of the competition. Family and friends must sit on the South side of the bleachers, WEST of the entry building.

**ONCE THE COMPEITION HAS BEGUN PARENTS/FAMILY/FRIENDS/QUEEN COACHES MUST NOT COMMUNICATE WITH THE CONTESTANTS.... FINAL!**

### **Point Deductions**

- Losing your hat during competition
- Touching your hat during competition (i.e., during pattern, fly by flag run)
- Loosing a stirrup during competition
- Omitting a portion of the Horsemanship pattern
- Any family member/friend/coach verbally or bodily tries to influence you in Horsemanship in ANY WAY.

### **Interview/Impromptu /Personality**

The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates the highest in:

- Education
- Intelligence

- Conversation abilities in all areas
- Sense of humor
- Personality
- Current events, rodeo and overall knowledge
- Genuine interest in other people (notable consideration of others)
- Projection – her ability to project her personality on horseback and in front of an audience
- Disposition
- Quality of voice expression (enunciation, voice inflection and confidence)
- Showmanship – presents herself in a poised, gracious and confident manner
- Smile

### **Modeling/ Appearance/ Personality**

During the Modeling/Interview, no one will be allowed in the dressing room with the contestants except Miss Rodeo Junction City, MRJC Director or another chaperone appointed by the MRJC Director.

Modeling attire will consist of two western outfits. The first outfit should be jeans and a long sleeve blouse and/or jacket of your choice (interview). The second outfit is a western dress or western blouse/skirt combination (fashion forward). The jean outfit should be different than your Horsemanship outfit.

The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates the highest in:

- Attractiveness
- Facial beauty
- Grooming – this includes neatness and cleanliness in very detail (complexion, hands, nails, boots, shape of hat, etc.)
- Poise and lady like behavior in any given situation
- Clothing – how a contestant clothing tastefully fits her and her personality
- Modeling Ability – use of the entire floor/stage for her pattern
- General overall appearance
- Make-up – age appropriate
- SMILE

### **Speech**

- Follows topic given
- Topic is interesting and entertaining
- Speech stays within the time limit given (2-3 minutes)
- Speech is memorized. Contestant gives with fluidity
- Makes eye contact with the audience and judges

### **Photogenics**

Two photos must be turned in with the MRJC Queen Application. Must be in western attire in the photos.

- 8X10 colored headshot (shoulders up)
- 4X6 colored full length shot

## **General Information**

**In addition to the specifics required under the divisions being judged, all contestants must possess the following general qualifications:**

- Maturity
- Is Genuine
- Sincerity
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Reliability
- Responsibility
- MUST ALWAYS be EARLY to an event

## **Study**

There will be a written test. The written test score is added to the contestant's overall score. Brush up on the JCRA Rules and Regulations, JCRA Board (i.e., President, Vice President, etc.), JCRA committee members, current and past royalty, rodeo terminology definitions as well as PRCA information. Also, current and world events/news will be possible questions. There has been a lot going on this past year so brush up on that as well.

## **Scoring**

The judges will be determining the score of each contestant throughout all pageant activities. In the event of a tie for first place, the contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will be declared the winner. IF a tie still exists, the contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship and Interview will be declared the next Miss Rodeo Junction City.

The Miss Rodeo Junction City Committee and JCRA want this pageant and rodeo to be fun, positive and a memorable experience for all involved. We need your help in doing this, so PLEASE come with a positive attitude and positive thoughts, contestants, family and friends.

These Rules and Regulations are designed for you and your safety in mind and to keep the pageant running properly and in a professional manner. If ANY grievance should arise at any time during the competition, it should be brought to the MRJC Director IMMEDIATELY and it will be dealt with accordingly. FINAL decisions shall be that of the MRJC Director and Committee.

Entries and all paperwork are to be mailed to:

Joyce Jensen, JCRA Queen Pageant Director

1837 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd, Wakefield, KS 67487

785-632-7316

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

**I represent and certify that my true age is \_\_\_\_\_ years, as of January 1, 2023. If I am under the age of 18, I represent and certify that I have permission and consent of my parent(s) and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities, and they have full knowledge thereof.**

**Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**If I am chosen as Miss Rodeo Junction City 2023-2024, I will conduct myself in an honorable manner at any and all rodeos and functions I attend while representing my title, the Junction City Rodeo Association and the city of Junction City.**