



Pageant: July 13, 2024

Rodeo: August 9 & 10, 2024

EXPECTATIONS OF CHERRY COUNTY RODEO ROYALTY

The expectations of a Cherry County...revolve around **outreach**, **personal characteristics** , and **riding skills**.

1. **Ambassadorship:**

- Representing Cherry County Rodeo with grace, poise, and professionalism at various events, including rodeos, parades, community gatherings, and promotional activities.
- Serving as a positive role model for youth in the community, promoting sportsmanship, dedication, and respect for Western heritage.

2. **Leadership:**

- Demonstrating leadership qualities by actively engaging in community service projects, volunteering, and advocating for causes that benefit Cherry County and its residents.
- Inspiring others through public speaking engagements, school visits, and interactions with the media.

3. **Horsemanship:**

- Showcasing exceptional horsemanship skills during rodeo events, including grand entry ceremonies, flag presentations, and other horse-related activities.
- Prioritizing the well-being and care of the horse, ensuring they are properly groomed, trained, and cared for at all times.

4. **Communication:**

- Communicating effectively with organizers, sponsors, spectators, and fellow rodeo participants.
- Engaging with the public through social media, interviews, and interactions at events, while maintaining a positive and approachable demeanor.

5. **Community Involvement:**

- Actively participating in community events, fundraisers, and charitable initiatives to support local causes and organizations.
- Collaborating with local businesses, schools, and civic groups to promote the values and traditions of Cherry County Rodeo.

6. **Professionalism:**

- Adhering to a high standard of conduct and appearance at all times, both in and out of the arena.
- Demonstrating respect for fellow competitors, volunteers, officials, and spectators, regardless of differences in opinion or background.

By fulfilling these expectations, the Cherry County Rodeo Queen/Princess/Sweetheart contributes to the continued success and positive reputation of the rodeo, while also leaving a lasting impact on the community she represents.

CHERRY COUNTY RODEO ROYALTY

CONTESTANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are designed to complement the requirements for competing for a Cherry County Rodeo Royalty Title.

As a pageant, we welcome and encourage the support of family and friends. A parent or guardian must attend orientation with the contestant if they are a minor. **We ask that they not disturb the contestants once the pageant begins** but are allowed to help with horses and prepare for the style show as needed.

1. Age Requirements:
 - a. Queen contestants must be 16 to 21 as of the day of the pageant
 - b. Princess contestants must be 12 to 15 years of age as of the day of the pageant.
 - c. Sweetheart contestants must be 7 to 11 years of age as of the day of the pageant.
2. Contestants must reside in Nebraska or a bordering state.
3. Contestants must have been born a female and remain a female during the contest and while holding a CRR title.
4. Contestants must be single, have never been married, pregnant or have had a child.
5. Contestants must agree to abide by pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
7. Contestants must complete and submit an application and signed Waiver Agreement Form with photograph and short bio written in third person tense no later than July 6.
8. Cherry County Rodeo Royalty expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following coronation.

Unsportsmanlike conduct by any contestant or family members will not be tolerated. It could result in the contestant being disqualified and or banned from future competition.

SCHEDULE OF PAGEANT EVENTS

*Pageant is open to the public with the exception of interviews and tests.

Saturday July 13, 2024

8:00 Contestant Check in

8:30 AM: Contestant orientation and Judge introductions

9:00 AM: Written Test

Interviews

Modeling and Impromptu question

Speeches

Lunch- Contestants will eat and then prepare for horsemanship

Horsemanship

Queen 1st Round – Pattern/Equine specific Interview/ Flag Run/ Queen's Wave

Princess– Pattern/ Equine specific Interview/ Flag Run/Queen's Wave

Sweetheart – Pattern/ Equine specific Interview/ Queen's Wave

Queen 2nd Round – Freestyle Pattern on Drawn Horse

Coronation

WARDROBE

*Judges will be looking for clean clothing that fits properly and shows personality.

Contestants will need a **Horsemanship Outfit** to be worn for horsemanship, Attire should include a long-sleeved shirt, jeans, western boots, and a cowboy hat.

Contestants will need a **Formal Western Outfit** to be worn for modeling, speech, and general impromptu questions. Formal Western attire may be a western dress, or a skirt/blouse outfit with minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves with western boots and cowboy hat. Leather dresses are not required.

Contestants should wear **Western Business Attire** or fashion forward for interviews and written test. Western Business attire may include a western dress or a skirt/blouse or jacket outfit with minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves with western boots and cowboy hat.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Raffle ticket sales will account for up to 50 points of the possible score. Each contestant is required to sell 50 tickets to receive full points or understand that if they choose to not sell tickets, they are forfeiting 50 points from their score. Raffle tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Checks towards ticket sales can be made out to the Cherry County Ag Society. Raffle winners will be announced at the pageant after the style show and winners do not need to be present to win.

SPEECH

All speeches must be fully memorized, no notecards or other “prompt” material will be allowed. Speeches for Queen and Princess contestants are to be 2-3 minutes in length. Sweetheart contestant’s speeches are to be 1-2 minutes in length. Speeches will be given in a Formal Western Wear outfit.

Topics :

- Sweetheart: Why do you love riding horses and what is one thing it has taught you?
- Princess: Why do you think rodeo royalty are an important part of the rodeo community?
- Queen: What is one of the challenges facing the rodeo industry today and how can we combat it?

HORSEMANSHIP

Contestants must provide their own horse for the riding portion of the pageant. The same horse must be used throughout the competition. The horse must be able to carry a flag, as it is part of the judging. Please, have a flag boot ready on your saddle. Sweetheart contestants are not required to carry a flag during horsemanship.

Queen contestants will also draw to switch mounts with a fellow queen contestant for an approximately 2 min freestyle pattern. In the event there is only one queen contestant, she will do the freestyle pattern on the outgoing queen’s horse.. **No tack changes will be allowed, only stirrup adjustments.**

Contestants will complete their reining pattern; ride (walk) up to the judges, dismount, complete an interview with the judges, remount, walk their horse to the gate, pick up a flag and make a flag run, hand off the flag and then make a queen’s wave run.

The horsemanship competition will showcase a rider’s ability to handle their horse in the arena. The rider will follow the correct pattern for their prospective title. Tack should be clean and suitable for the rider and horse, spurs and tie downs may be used as needed.

Judges will watch how a contestant maintains control of her horse in any situation that may occur and her positioning in the saddle. The contestants will be judged on her riding skills and understanding of their horse; not on the horse or the equipment used.

JUDGING GUIDELINES & SCORING

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- Horsemanship
- Speech
- Written Test
- Modeling and Impromptu question
- Over all Appearance
- Raffle Ticket Sales.

Judges will evaluate all categories of the pageant. Judges will be watching contestants from check in until the conclusion of the pageant, there is often a silent/undisclosed judge that will be present during the pageant watching all the “behind the scenes”.

Judges may ask various questions as they interview each contestant.

There will be a written test.

Judges will sign and seal each category score card and place them into an envelope to be turned into a designated place for the officials to compile the scores in private.

When the judging has been completed, the officials will determine which contestant has scored the highest in each division. The young ladies with the highest grand total scored in the Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart will be the official winners. Second highest totals will be first runners-up.

PAGEANT AWARDS

The young ladies with the highest grand total scored in the Queen, Princess and Sweetheart divisions will receive a crown, sash, trophy buckle, jacket, and other gifts.

Traveling chaps will be awarded to the new royalty. The committee asks that they be worn at all CRR functions and parades and to keep them clean and maintained during the reign. Any damage to the CRR owned equipment, aside from a normal wear, will be assessed by the committee, expenses to repair or replace may be required of the responsible party.

TITLE WINNER RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Queen, Princess and Sweetheart must sign a contract agreeing to represent Cherry County Rodeo Royalty in a professional, lady-like manner throughout her reign, in both her personal life as well as in her professional capacity.
2. Title holders will be expected to honor all commitments made for public appearances, unless authorized by a pageant committee member. Punctuality is a must.
3. Title holders will participate in fundraising activities sponsored by the pageant committee.
4. Social Media posts should be professional and done with integrity as you are representing yourself, your family, and the Cherry County Rodeo Royalty Pageant.
5. Unacceptable behaviors will not be tolerated, these include, but not limited to:
 - a. Use of alcohol/nicotine/illegal drugs of any kind.
 - b. Public display of affection while wearing the crown.
 - c. Using profanity while wearing the crown.
 - d. Absolutely no fighting.
 - e. Disrespecting fellow contestants/royalty, sponsors, committee members, flags and/or the public.
6. All new royalty prizes awarded are property of the CCRP Pageant until the fulfillment of the title-holder's reign. In the case that royalty acts in an inappropriate manner or is unable to fulfill their duties; the crown, sash, buckle, chaps, saddle, and any other awards received will be forfeited and returned to the CCRP in a timely manner.

SAMPLE CONTRACT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHERRY COUNTY RODEO ROYALTY

This agreement entered into on the 13th day of July 2024, between the Cherry County Rodeo Royalty program, hereinafter referred to as the CCRR, and

_____ hereinafter referred to as the Queen/Princess/Sweetheart: It is agreed that in consideration of being bestowed the title of Queen/Princess/Sweetheart for CCRR:

1. Reign as Queen/Princess/Sweetheart only for CCRR for one year beginning crowning night, or until a new queen is elected. Pageants whose reigns conflict with your prior commitment to the CCRR may only be entered with the Pageant's permission.
2. Attend a minimum of Three rodeos other than Cherry County Rodeo
The committee suggests that each title holder attend as many events locally and throughout the state as they can to represent the Cherry County Fair & Rodeo and Pageant.
3. Attending events sponsored by Miss Rodeo Nebraska is also highly encouraged and appreciated
-Either the send off to MRA, coronation of the incoming MRN, or the MRN pageant is required
4. 1-2 School visits during the year
5. 2025 CCRR pageant and coronation
6. Play an active roll in fundraising efforts and garnering sponsorships through efforts coordinated through program director.