

UWRF RODEO QUEEN PAGEANT

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Miss UWRF Rodeo competition is to select a representative for the UWRF Rodeo Club, its sponsors and supporters. Miss UWRF Rodeo should be able to speak intelligently and with authority on the sport of rodeo, NIRA policies, her sponsors and the world around her. For more info on Miss UWRF Rodeo's duties, check out our website at www.uwrfrodeo.com and go to our Rodeo Queen page.

QUEEN QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be a current and active UWRF Rodeo Club member. 'Active' is defined as attending at least 2/3rds of club meetings.
2. Must be a junior or below so you are present on campus when you hand off the crown the following year.
3. Must be a good influence to those around her.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must attend the Queen's Competition in the spring.
2. Must come in Queen's attire (jeans, boots, hat, nice button up).
3. Must be present at the fall rodeo for the crowning ceremony.
4. Spurs are **NOT** permitted and will result in a disqualification in the horsemanship section of the competition.

• JUDGING

The Miss UWRF Rodeo contestants will be judged in many areas during the competition.

The scheduled activities may include:

- Personal interviews
- Impromptu speeches
- Prepared speeches
- Written exam

- Horsemanship

- JUDGING CRITERIA

-Horsemanship 30%

The horsemanship division accounts for 30% of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in her knowledge, riding and showmanship abilities.

The purpose of the horsemanship division is to judge the candidate on one's ability to ride a horse, including but not limited to equitation skills, hands, and ability to sit a horse, and one's ability to properly tack a horse. The judges will not consider the horses and the equipment, which are provided for the contestants.

An important aspect of horsemanship division is the way a queen presents herself – appearance and personality are a must in this division as well as riding ability.

The horsemanship competition consists of a set pattern provided by the UWRF Queen's Competition Judges that will be provided ahead of time. The reigning Miss UWRF Rodeo will demonstrate the required horsemanship pattern prior to the competition. The horses drawn for each contestant will be random, contestants will also warm each other's draws up so the first time on your horse is when you begin your pattern. Equal time will be permitted for each contestant to perform the set patterns.

After performing the maneuvers of the first pattern and speaking with the judges in the arena, the contestant will perform a queen run/presentation run before exiting.

The contestants should dress as they would if they were Miss UWRF Rodeo riding at a rodeo during her reign. **Chaps and spurs are not permitted.** The contestant should not wear anything that will inhibit the judges' view of her hands or seat. The contestant should be sure that her hat would not come off during her presentation of the horsemanship patterns.

Safety remains the number one priority during the Miss UWRF Rodeo horsemanship

competition. If a contestant requires a saddle swap that allows for the proper length of stirrups to ensure a safe ride, the judging panel will comply. However, stirrup length will be the only reason we will switch saddles for Contestants.

The judges reserve the right to request additional horsemanship maneuvers or rounds. For example, mounting/dismounting, presenting a flag, equitation round, etc.

-Public Speaking 25%

The public speaking division accounts for 25% percent of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in public speaking events. Those events include the following:

- Platform Speech: Each contestant presents a speech on a personal platform. This speech will consist of you telling us who you are as well as why you want to be the next Miss UWRF Rodeo. This speech is timed and must be between one and two minutes in length. Deductions in scores due to contestant's neglect of time specifications are at the discretion of each individual judge. Judges will be notified of the speech time but a sound/alarm will not sound.

- Impromptu Questioning: Each contestant will answer impromptu questions about either current events, rodeo rules and regulations or situational issues.

-Appearance 20%

The appearance division accounts for 20% of the total judging. The appearance of the UWRF Rodeo Queen is considered to be a representation of the UWRF Rodeo Club as a whole, and therefore must be professional. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in general appearance, which includes:

- Grooming (This includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, hair, boots, hats, etc. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for contestants to be considered for Miss UWRF Rodeo).

- Posture
- Poise and lady-like behavior in any situation
- Clothing (Judged on fit and style. Must be western style jeans, boots, hat, and a nice button up.)

-Written Exam 25%

The written examination is designed to test whether a particular contestant has the knowledge necessary to handle the role of Miss UWRF Rodeo the day she is crowned, and

accounts for 25% of the total score. It is NOT a test of trick questions. It will only cover information that is readily available through the NIRA office/website, the IFR website, the UWRF Rodeo Club website, general veterinary/horse care sources, general tack sources, and typical sources for current events. The written examination is a cumulative examination covering some, if not all, of the following areas:

- Knowledge of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, including its administration, its regulations, its regions, its competitors, and its sponsors.

- Knowledge of the International Pro Rodeo Association, including its administration, contestants, event rules and sponsors and the International Finals Rodeo.

- Knowledge of the UWRF's Rodeo Club's history and current events, including the Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo.

- General knowledge of livestock and care of livestock (including typical illnesses) and horsemanship/rodeo tack.

- **SCORES**

The scores of each contestant will be determined by the judges during all the competition activities. The scores in the different divisions will be calculated and totaled for our final results.

In the event of a tie for first place, the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will be declared the winner. If this still leaves a tie, the contestant with the highest score in the public speaking category will be declared the winner.

Judges will tally up the scores and declare a winner. This winner will be kept a secret until crowning at the following fall rodeo.