

Lindon Days Rodeo Royalty Competition Information

The objective of this rodeo queen pageant is to choose three quality and respectable young ladies to represent the sport of rodeo as well as Lindon City, while preparing them for their future as a rodeo queen. This document will provide basic information regarding what is expected of a rodeo queen, and what they will be judged on in the pageant. Along with this document, we will be hosting a rodeo queening clinic that will provide the girls in-person help, and more detailed information on how to be successful as a rodeo queen.

This document will walk you through the day of what the competition will hold.

What the judges will be looking for:

- Personality and appearance
- Rodeo and equine knowledge
- Ability to communicate and educate
- Horsemanship
- Preparedness and work ethic
- Genuine kindness
- Passion for rodeo and the western way of life

Introduction: At the start of the pageant each contestant will be given the opportunity introduce themselves. They can mention their name, where there from, or any other quick fun fact they want to add. They will then be asked one question relating to information they put on their applications.

Modeling: The purpose of the modeling portion of the competition is to showcase the that the contestant is confident and poised. While each girl is modeling, her bio will be read so the judges can get to know a little bit about her. The outfit needs to include full western attire. The more it matches the better. Modeling should be timed to fit the length of the bio.

Speech: Directly after the contestant models they will give their speech. The speech should be memorized and genuine. It can be any topic the contestant chooses but should relate to Lindon, rodeo, or horses in some way. The speech should be between 1 minute 30 seconds to 2 minutes 30 seconds in length.

Impromptu Questions: Contestants will be asked two impromptu questions. These questions can range from personality questions, rodeo knowledge, Lindon knowledge, equine science, or current events. Each girl will be asked two questions. All contestants will be led to wait out of hearing range while the contestants before them answer their questions. Absolutely no family members or friends will be allowed to talk to contestants while they are waiting to be led in to answer the impromptu questions.

Interview: Interviews will be done privately and separately for each contestant. During the interview, the judges will ask the contestants questions that they have prepared to get to know each girl and their knowledge. Each interview will last 5 minutes. Preparation and studying are vital parts of the contest.

Horsemanship: After interviews there will be a break for girls to warm up their horses in the arena. The outgoing rodeo queen demonstrates the pattern for the girls. Each contestant will then complete their horsemanship pattern. Please note that judges will be looking at the skill of the rider, not just the horse. Riders will be judged on their riding posture, confidence, correctness of pattern, and ability to control the horse. Contestants should complete the pattern using only their left hand on the reins. After the contestant has completed the reining pattern, they will then do what is called a “buzz run” or “queens lap”. The contestant will lope one circle around the arena while waving to the crowd. Bobby pins are also extremely important to keep the cowboy hat on! In queening there is a saying, “if your hat comes off, your head better be in it!”

Crowning: After horsemanship there will be a short break for scores to be calculated. Then the royalty will be crowned.