



The Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant: Rules and Regulations

The Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant is a prestigious celebration of rodeo heritage and western culture, deeply rooted in the community of Ramona. Aligning with state and national standards, the pageant reflects the evolving world of rodeo while honoring the traditions upheld by the Ramona Rodeo Queen Committee and the distinct values of the ROCC (Ramona Outdoor Community Center) and the broader community. This event is structured to maintain the highest standards, with a flexible approach to eligibility criteria, rules, and regulations, ensuring they are in tune with the dynamic nature of rodeo culture.

Eligibility Criteria

Essential Qualifications for Contestants

1. **Age Requirements:**

- **Junior Queen:** 13 to 16 years of age by 12/31/2024.
- **Queen:** 17 to 24 years of age by 12/31/2024.

2. **Residency:** Must reside in California.

3. **Marital and Parental Status:** Must not be or have been married, pregnant, or have children.

4. **Document Submission:** All required documents must be submitted by the deadline.

5. **Compliance with Pageant Rules:** Mandatory adherence to all rules and regulations.

6. **Legal Record:** Clean criminal record required.

7. **Character and Sportsmanship:** High moral standards and sportsmanship are essential.



Pageant Conduct and Participation Requirements

1. **Conduct:** Proper, lady-like behavior, and high moral standards are expected at all times.
2. **Entry Fee:** A \$100 non-refundable entry fee is required with the application.
3. **Horsemanship Requirement:** Contestants must provide their own horse and transportation for the event.
4. **Speech Presentation:** Contestants must deliver a speech on a given topic within a specified time limit.
5. **Transportation:** Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the pageant and all events.
6. **Wardrobe Requirements:** Contestants must provide their own wardrobe, adhering to the event guidelines.
7. **Interaction Restrictions:** Contact with parents and friends is restricted during the pageant.
8. **Sportsmanship Post-Coronation:** Expected to display exemplary sportsmanship following the coronation.
9. **Raffle Ticket Sales:** Participation in raffle ticket sales is mandatory. Contestants are required to sell a minimum of 50 tickets.
10. **Raffle Item Donation:** A minimum valued item or basket of \$50.00 is required for the raffle. This is a separate raffle from the required raffle ticket sales.
11. **Program Contribution:** A biography for the official pageant program is mandatory. Bio's must be turned into Hannah by February 28th.
12. **Transparency of Scores:** Score sheets and judges' notes will be released two weeks after the coronation.



Boyfriend Conduct Clause:

As a contestant and potential titleholder of the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant, I acknowledge and agree to the following stipulations regarding the involvement and conduct of a boyfriend during my participation in the pageant and potential reign:

1. **No Chaperone Role:** Boyfriends are not to be considered as chaperones at any pageant events, activities, or appearances. The role of a chaperone is reserved strictly for designated individuals appointed by the Pageant Committee.
2. **No Public Displays of Affection:** I agree to maintain a professional demeanor at all times during official events and appearances. This includes abstaining from any public displays of affection (PDA) with a boyfriend, as such behavior is not in alignment with the professional standards expected of a titleholder.
3. **No Special Treatment:** Boyfriends will not receive special treatment, privileges, or access during pageant events or activities. Their involvement and presence will be subject to the same guidelines and restrictions applicable to the general public or other guests.
4. **Not Considered a Plus One:** For events where a "plus one" is applicable, boyfriends are not automatically granted this status. Invitations for additional guests, including boyfriends, will be at the discretion of the Pageant Committee and based on the specific event's guidelines.
5. **Professional Conduct Expectation:** I understand that my conduct, as well as the conduct of those closely associated with me, reflects on the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant and ROCC. I will ensure that my boyfriend, if present at events, adheres to the standards of behavior and professionalism expected by the Pageant Committee.

By agreeing to these terms, I am committing to upholding the integrity and professionalism of the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant, both in my personal conduct and in the conduct of those associated with me.



Event Overview and Logistics

- **Pageant Dates:**
 - **April 12th:** Interviews (not open to the public).
 - **April 13th:** Horsemanship in the morning and speeches, followed by coronation in the evening (open to the public).
- **Chaperones and Committee Supervision:** Provided throughout the pageant.
- **Event Tickets:** Available at the door for \$5.00 each. Two tickets will be provided to each contestant for their parents/ guardian. All other tickets must be purchased at the door the day of the pageant.
- **Photography and Videography:** Restricted to designated areas and times.

Pageant Activities and Judging

Competitive Events and Evaluation Criteria

1. **Horsemanship:** Judged on riding skills, control, and showmanship.
 2. **Speeches:** Evaluated for clarity, articulation, content, and audience engagement.
 3. **Impromptu Questions:** Assesses quick thinking and conversational abilities.
 4. **Interviews:** Focuses on communication skills and rodeo knowledge. This includes the evaluation of your application.
 5. **Coronation Ceremony:** Winners announced based on cumulative scores.
- **Judging Criteria and Process:** Includes expert panel evaluation and scoring on horsemanship, public speaking, appearance, and impromptu responses.
 - **Categories: Judging encompasses four main categories:** Interview, Appearance, Speech, and Horsemanship.
 - **Independent Auditor:** An independent auditor will tally the judges' scores.
 - **Head Judge:** A head judge will be selected in the event of a tie.



- **Scoring Ties:** Ties in individual categories will be broken by referring to Judge #1's score, followed by Judge #2's score, if needed.
- **Overall Scoring Tie:** Ties for the title or first runner-up are broken by horsemanship scores.
- **Interview Process:** Contestants will have interviews with judges, focusing on various pertinent topics.
- **Miss Congeniality:** Selected by contestant vote and does not count towards overall points.
- **Spirit Award:** Chosen by the Rodeo Queen Committee, not contributing to overall points.
- **Photogenic Award:** A winner for the most photogenic contestant will be announced, although it will not count towards the overall points.
- **High Raffle Ticket Sales:** Recognition will be given to the contestant with the highest raffle ticket sales, but this will not contribute to the overall point tally.



Wardrobe and Appearance Guidelines

1. NO colored or custom designed hats will be allowed. White, brown, black or neutral colors ONLY.
2. **Interview Outfit:** All contestants will be required to wear slacks or pants, NO Blue Jeans! All contestants will be required to wear a blazer of their choice with a modest blouse underneath.
3. **Horsemanship Attire:** Functional western riding attire, including monochromatic jeans, shirts, cowboy boots, and a hat. NO fringe.
4. **Speech Outfit:** Formal and reflective of western fashion, also worn for the coronation ceremony. All dresses are to be long or $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve and floor length.
5. **General Appearance:** Emphasis on neatness, cleanliness, and grooming.
6. **Accessory Guidelines:** Must complement the overall western theme.
- **Committee Approval:** All wardrobe choices subject to pre-pageant approval by the Rodeo Queen Committee.



Acknowledgment and Endorsement by Contestants and Parents/Guardians

As a participant (or the parent/guardian of a participant) in the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant, I hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

Compliance with Rules: I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all the rules, regulations, and guidelines of the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant as outlined in the pageant guide.

Eligibility Criteria: I certify that all information provided in the application regarding age, residency, marital and parental status, and other eligibility requirements is accurate and truthful.

Conduct, Behavior and Boyfriend Clause: I commit to maintaining a high standard of conduct throughout the pageant, understanding that failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Responsibility for Participation: I accept full responsibility for my (or my child's) participation in the pageant, including personal health and wellbeing.

Wardrobe Approval: I understand that all wardrobe choices are subject to approval by the Rodeo Queen Committee and agree to adhere to the specified guidelines.

Use of Image: I consent to the use of photographs and videos taken during the pageant for promotional or other purposes by the Ramona Rodeo Queen Committee.

Decision Acceptance: I agree to accept the decisions of the judges and the pageant committee as final and binding.

Release of Liability: I release and hold harmless the Ramona Rodeo Queen Committee, ROCC (Ramona Outdoor Community Center), its organizers, and affiliates from any liabilities, claims, or expenses that may arise from my (or my child's) participation in the pageant.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly reviewed and consent to abide by the rules and regulations of the Ramona Rodeo Queen/Jr. Queen Pageant and understand the commitments and responsibilities it entails.

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if contestant is under 18): _____ Date: _____