



2026 Russian River Rodeo Queen Contestant Application

Enclosed, you will find the contest rules, requirements, application, and checklist.

The pageant's events consist of horsemanship, speech, and interview. Contestants must be prepared for required appearances at the Rodeo and Represent Russian River Rodeo at other rodeo events.

The opportunity to represent the Russian River Rodeo as queen for a year is an honor. Pageant contestants will be expected to follow all rules, regulations, and meet all of the eligibility requirements.

- * Application Deadline – May 15, 2026
- * Must be not less than 17 years of age and not more than 24 years of age
- * Conduct horsemanship & interview portion of pageant – dated TBD
- * Must Attend Royalty Dinner (Speech & Crowning) – June 18, 2026
- * Must attend Rodeo and participate in Grand Entry – June 20 & 21, 2026
- * An informational meeting will be held May 18th (virtually for those who aren't able to attend in-person) to address expectations, code of conduct, answer any questions, provide resources, etc.

Please see the checklist provided at the end of the Russian River Rodeo Queen application packet.

2026 Russian River Rodeo Queen Contestant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Current Activities, School and/or Occupation:

Why do you want to be Miss Russian River Rodeo? (50 words or less)

Contest Sponsor: _____ A

Contest Sponsor is not required; this is only an opportunity for you to recognize someone that has provided you with assistance.

Your signature states that you have read all documents and are willing to adhere to all rules and regulations of this contest. You plan to work with the Russian River Rodeo Queen Committee Members concerning dates and events for the next year. You are acknowledging that any event where you are representing the Russian River Rodeo Assn. you will practice appropriate conduct at all times and will be in the ***required western apparel including your "Miss Russian River Rodeo" sash, crown and buckle.***

Signature: _____

Miss Russian River Rodeo Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted for participation in the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Russian River Rodeo Association and the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from the contest. I further agree to hold harmless the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest committee, the Russian River Rodeo Association and its officers, agents, members, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury, received by me in connection with my participation in any event, performance, parade or other activities. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claims of any text, images or photographs that may be taken and/or used relating to the Russian River Rodeo and the queen contest for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulations of the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest.

I agree to fulfill my obligation(s) as "Miss Russian River Rodeo" by conducting myself in the proper manner and/or way of life by remaining unmarried and free of any questionable acts involving an issue of morality.

I agree to return any and all items received in relationship to the title of "Miss Russian River Rodeo" including scholarship funds, sash, crown, gifts and belt buckle if at any time it is determined I cannot fulfill my duties and obligations as "Miss Russian River Rodeo."

I also agree that if I am chosen as first runner-up or second runner-up I will make myself available and maintain my eligibility to fill the capacity of "Miss Russian River Rodeo".

I have carefully read all documents provided including the aforementioned statement and the accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Name of Contestant: _____

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Birth Date of Contestant: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Contestant is under 18 years of age)

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

If different than contestant)

Telephone Number: _____) _____

If different than contestant)

RUSSIAN RIVER RODEO ASSOCIATION

Agreement and Release from Liability

I, _____, on behalf of myself, my successors and all persons under my care and responsibility, including my children, in consideration of being granted permission to participate in activities associated with the rodeo, gymkhana and trail rides sponsored by the Russian River Rodeo Association (The "Russian River Events"), acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Voluntary Participation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in activities ("Activities") associated with the Russian River Events. I further acknowledge that I have been advised of and understand that (a) participation in the Russian River Events and in the Activities which are associated with the Russian River Events involves inherent risks of injuries and damages to me and my property; (b) my safety and the protection of my property cannot be assured during participation in these Activities; and © I have been instructed to purchase and to wear any and all protective equipment, which is appropriate for use in the Activity in which I am participating.

2. Assumption of Risks. With such knowledge and understanding, I hereby assume the entire risk of any and all harm to person or property from any cause associated with participation in these Activities.

3. Release. I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make any claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Parmeter family, the Russian River rodeo association, and each of their respective employees, operators, contractors, directors, officers, members, agents or representatives (hereinafter called "RELEASEES"), for any damage or injuries occurring to my person or property arising out of or in any way incidental to my participation in Activities associated with the Russian River Events. I hereby release RELEASEES from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may have for injury or damage arising out of or in any way incidental to my participation in Activities associated with the Russian River Events.

4. Waiver of Statutory Protection. I knowingly and voluntarily expressly release and discharge RELEASEES from all such liability or claim even though such liabilities or claims are not known or suspected at this time. This release is knowingly and voluntarily entered into, despite the statutory language of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which protection I voluntarily waive and which reads as follows: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which is known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

5. Agreement to Indemnify and to Hold Harmless. I, for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, agree to indemnify RELEASEES and to hold RELEASEES harmless against all actions, claims, demands, debts, costs of the litigation and attorneys' fees which may in any way arise out of or result from my participation in the Activities associated with Russian River Events.

6. Medical Care Authorization. In connection with any injury I may sustain or illness or other medical conditions I may experience during my participation in or attendance at Russian River Events, I authorize any emergency first aid, medication, medical treatment or surgery deemed necessary by the attending medical personnel if I am not able to act on my own behalf. I further authorize the attending medical personnel to execute on my behalf any permission forms, consents or the appropriate medical documents and to act on my behalf if I am not able or immediately available to do so.

7. Attorneys' Fees. If any legal action or any arbitration or other processing is brought for this enforcement of this agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default, or misrepresentation in connection with any of the provisions of this agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which it or they may be entitled.

8. Execution of This Release. I have knowingly and voluntarily read this document with care and I fully understand its contents. I am aware that this agreement constitutes a full and complete waiver and release of all claims that may exist against RELEASEES in the future. I am signing this agreement of my own free will. I further acknowledge that I have been advised to seek legal counsel to review this document with me.

Signature of Releasers _____ Date _____

Spouse -----'Date. _____ -

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Parent or guardian must sign for minor children

I, the undersigned, am the parent or guardian of _____ ("Child").

In consideration of my Child's participation in the Activities associated with the Russian River Events, I hereby agree, on behalf of my child to the terms and conditions of this agreement and release from liability and bind my Child to the same agreement made herein on my own behalf I further agree, on my own behalf, and for my heirs, executors and administrators to release RELEASEES and to hold RBLEASEES harmless against any and all claims, costs of litigation and attorneys fees which may in any way arise out of or result from my Child's participation in the Activities associated with the Russian River Events. I have read this document carefully and fully understand its contents.

Signature of parent or guardian _____, Date _____

Name: _____

RUSSAIN RIVER RODEO QUEEN COMPETITION

INFORMATION

1. HORSEMANSHIP (100 points)

- Judges will judge contestants on reining pattern, queens run, and impromptu questions.
- Impromptu questions will be asked on general horse knowledge, such as anatomy, tack, care, etc.
- Contestants will be judged on horsemanship skills, personality and appearance.
- See attached pattern.

2. INTERVIEW (25 points)

- Interviews will be 10-15 minutes long.
- Questions asked will cover personality, CCPRA rodeo information, current events, etc.
- Contestants will be judged on personality, communication skills, and rodeo/horse information.

3. IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS (25 points)

- Questions can be rodeo, horse, and current events.
- These questions will be asked immediately following your interview.

4. SPEECH (50 points)

- Your speech must be 3-5 minutes long. Topics: may include anything pertaining to the sport of rodeo or the western lifestyle
- Contestants will be judged on content and delivery of their speech.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

HORSEMANSHIP

- Western denim or colored jeans, western long sleeve shirt or slinky, (shirts must be tucked in) hat, western boots, and belt. No chaps. No jackets.

INTERVIEW & SPEECH

- Western blue denim or colored jeans, skirt, western long sleeve shirt or slinky, hat, and western boots. (Can be same outfit as horsemanship)

RODEO

- Western blue denim or colored jeans, western long sleeve shirt, hat western boots, and belt. (Good time to get out those shiny shirts that you can see from a distance!)

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

1. Cowboy hat at all times
2. Cowboy boots- NO fashion heels
3. Long sleeve shirt at all times, NO short mid-drift shirts!
4. No cleavage
5. Boot and skirt heights compatible.
6. All split skirts in good taste.
7. No baggie or poorly tailored pants or jackets
8. No spandex pants or skirts

Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen Contest Rules and Regulations

Thank you for your consideration in competing for Miss Russian River Rodeo. The horsemanship portion of the competition will be scheduled for late May or early June 2026. **The application deadline is May 15, 2026.**

The contest portion of the Russian River Rodeo Queens Contest will include:

- 1) Horsemanship: Contestants will be asked to perform a horsemanship pattern.
- 2) Speech Contest: Guidelines will be given after the application has been received
- 3) Appearance: Contestants will be judged on their appearance and professionalism during the duration of the contest.

TICKET SALES:

Each contestant will be required to sell 200 sweetheart raffle tickets at \$1 each to be eligible for the contest. Any contestant who does not sell their portion of tickets will be subject to disqualification. Starting at 201 tickets sold, you will receive a 10% back as an incentive. Tickets and money must be turned in at the Royalty dinner to the Russian River Rodeo Association. If you sell additional tickets you will receive your incentive of 10% back during the Royalty dinner. Tickets sales are an important part of fundraising for the Russian River Rodeo Association.

Liability Release:

The Russian River Rodeo Association (RRRA) along with the event sponsors, contest sponsors, their agents, officers, and employees must be released from any and all liability, which might result from, or arise out of, a contestant's participation in the contest, including all activities in connection therewith. Before any contestant is eligible to compete the attached waiver of liability must be signed by the contestant and the contestant's parent and/or guardian, if the said contestant is under the age of 21 during any portion of the period of competition or potential reign as Miss Russian River Rodeo.

Eligible contestants:

1. Must be single females, having never been married; not less than 17 years of age and not more than 24 years of age as of June 18, 2026.
2. Contestants are eligible to enter the contest a maximum of three times. Past "Miss Russian River Rodeo" queens are not eligible to compete.
3. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to take any illegal drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, smoke/smokeless tobacco or use foul language at any time during the pageant.
4. A Contestant, any friend, or family member of the contestant, must not approach judges with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported to the Russian River Rodeo Association and result in the disqualification of that Contestant.
5. The Russian River Rodeo Association expects each Contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the Pageant and particularly following the Royalty Dinner. Each Contestant should be mindful that she is representing the sport of rodeo. Poor sportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated and could result in the Contestant being disqualified and may affect future eligibility to compete for Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen.
6. I understand that under no circumstances will the scoresheets be released to the Contestants or to anyone else following the crowning of the Russian River Rodeo Association.
7. Contestant shall remain free of any questionable behavior as defined at the discretion of the Russian River Rodeo Board of Directors and/or Queen Contest Committee including actions involving an issue of morality.
8. Any Contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen pageant.

Miss Russian River Rodeo Autobiography Guidelines

Every Contestant is required to submit **two** (2) autobiographies with her application. The following guidelines are to be used in composing your autobiographies.

Your first autobiography will be used for public relations activities and print media and should be at least 400 to 450 words. This autobiography should be in narrative form and contain the following:

- Information on your place of birth, and where you grew up
- School, church, or other activities
- Personal successes that have helped shape the person you are today
- Your future plans (school, profession, etc.)
- Reason for your interest in horses and riding
- Why you have chosen to compete for the title of "Miss Russian River Rodeo"
- How you would benefit from being crowned "Miss Russian River Rodeo"
- Any particular story of interest that may relate to rodeo or your desire to be crowned "Miss Russian River Rodeo"

This autobiography may be used in the official Russian River Rodeo Program and possible other media and public relations materials for the Russian River Rodeo. The Russian River Rodeo Association retains editorial jurisdiction over content. Your essay may be modified to fit public relations guidelines.

Your second autobiography will be used by Announcers and Masters of Ceremonies; and should be approximately 200-250 words. Please keep in mind this autobiography may be used when you are being introduced to a group or crowd of people. This autobiography should be written in the second person. This autobiography should include your name and age, your sponsor, your parents' names, your plans for the future; a possible welcome to those present; anyone you would like to thank; etc.

Sample: This is Susie Jones. Susie is an 18-year-old student at Fresno State University; she is pursuing a degree in Ag Business. Miss Jones is sponsored by the Russian River Rodeo Horse Club and has been riding horses since she was 5. Miss Jones would like to thank her parents for all the support they have given her in her pursuits. Etc.

Both autobiographies must be typewritten and should be submitted in hardcopy and electronic "word" format (emailed to jordanwathen@comcast.net)

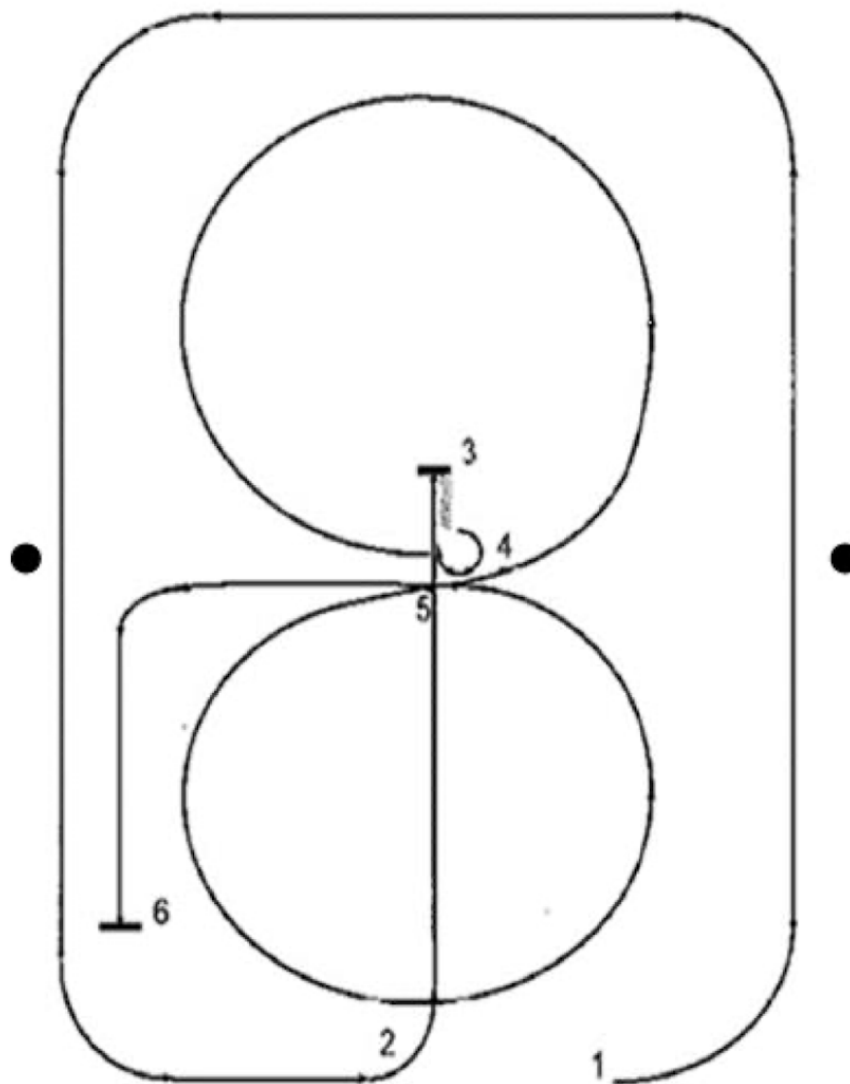
The Russian River Rodeo Association reserves the right to edit your submitted autobiographies to meet the purpose of the competition for the promotion of the Russian River Rodeo. All written content and photos submitted or taken in relationship to the competition become the property of the Russian River Rodeo Association and can only be used with the express written permission of the Association.

**Miss Russian River Rodeo
Photograph Guidelines**

Please remember, we need you to provide us with **one black and white photo** (hard copy and digital, digital copy can be email to jordanwathen@comcast.net). The photo should be a head and shoulder photo in western attire and hat. The photo submitted will be used by the Russian River Rodeo Association to promote the Russian River Rodeo and the Queen Competition and will be used in the Russian River Rodeo Program. Ple

Submitted photos and any subsequent pictures taken in connection with the contest in any manner are the property of the Russian River Rodeo Association and may be used by the Association for promotional purposes without the consent of the contestant.

Horsemanship Pattern



1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a $\frac{3}{4}$ turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Change leads and lope a circle, to the left, with moderate speed. After completing the circle, continue loping on the left lead towards the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.
7. Approach the judges for inspection and dismissal.

The MRC judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.

Selection of Impromptu Questions

This is only a study guide - questions given at contest may not be listed here.

Who is the current Miss CCPRA?

What is a hooey?

What does CCPRA stand for? When did the

CCPRA first form?

Who is the current president of the RRRRA?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Bareback Riding?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Saddle Bronc Riding?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Bull Riding?

How long does a calf have to stay tied in tie down roping?

What is a hazer?

What is the average?

What is added money?

What is the pay window?

What is strangles?

What is the coggins test?

Describe what happens when you float a horse's teeth?

What are a horses vital signs?

How often should you trim your horse's feet?How often

should a horse be dewormed?

What is a flank strap?

What is required to win the All Around title?Describe the draw?

What is the well?

Which rough stock event does not have a mark-out rule?

Is a figure eight heel catch legal?

Checklist:

- Complete application provided in packet
- Provide 2 autobiographies
- Provide a black and white headshot (in completed application & via email)
- Complete Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen waiver of liability
- Complete Russian River Rodeo release of liability
- Review rules and regulations
- Complete the Miss Russian River Rodeo Title Agreement
- Attend the following
 - Informational meeting – May 18, 2026
 - Horsemanship & Interview - TBD
 - Royalty Dinner – June 18, 2026
 - Russian River Rodeo – June 20 & 21, 2026

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:
Jordan Wathen at 707-971-9304 or by email to jordanwathen@comcast.net

Application must be postmarked on or before May 10, 2026 in order to be eligible. The application may also be emailed to jordanwathen@comcast.net by May 15, 2026 but must be followed by a hardcopy via mail.

Mail to:

Jordan Wathen
1110 Stony Glen Ln
Cotati, CA 94931







Miss Russian River Rodeo Title Holder Agreement

Responsibilities and Expectations

1. I commit to attending a minimum of two CCPRA-approved rodeos (excluding the Russian River Rodeo) during the rodeo season. I will also participate in parades, community appearances, and sponsor events as requested. I understand that attending additional rodeos is encouraged to promote the Russian River Rodeo.
2. I will assist in the promotion and execution of future pageants, serve as a hostess at the following year's event, and crown my successor at the coronation ceremony.
3. I acknowledge my responsibility to participate in Grand Entry and assist with arena duties, including helping move calves or steers when appropriate.
4. I will properly care for all Miss Russian River Rodeo property, including the crown, chaps, and chap bag.
5. I understand that this title represents more than a competition win—it is an ambassador role representing the Russian River Rodeo, CCPRA, and the broader rodeo community.
6. I will maintain open and respectful communication with the Russian River Rodeo Royalty Committee and accept their guidance as part of my development as a titleholder.
7. I agree to wear the official crown, sash, buckle, and chaps whenever I am representing Miss Russian River Rodeo.
8. I will demonstrate strong sportsmanship, uphold high moral character, and practice humane treatment of animals at all times, both in and out of the arena.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

I have read and understand the expectations outlined above and agree to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Titleholder Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____