



Registration for Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Royalty Pageant

Name of Contestant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Running for (Please note that depending on the number of girls and ages we may combine the teen with the queen category) Queen (age 17-20) Teen (age 13-16) or Princess (age 8-12)

Each contestant will be given an official shirt for participation. Please let us know what size you need in a woman's shirt size. _____

Fees are due by May 1st Registration is \$55, this can be paid thru our website or by mailing a check to Marshfield Saddle Club, 134 Commerce Rd., Marshfield, MO 65706. Please make checks out to the Marshfield Saddle Club and on the memo line put "Rodeo Pageant". Please include a headshot in either patriotic or solid white button up shirt with hair, makeup and cowboy hat. You may email this to our pageant email address at marshfieldsrodeoroyalty@proton.me. These will be used during competition and Pageant promotions, and will be included in the Fair Book if turned in before March 1st.

Please fill out this short bio about yourself:

Why do you want to be Miss Independence Day Rodeo Queen/Teen/Princess?

Where do you currently attend school?

What degree or achievements are you working towards or have?

What are your hobbies/activities/interest?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Queen/ Princess Waiver

I, _____, hereby state as follows:

1. I agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant and the Marshfield Saddle Club by laws.
2. I meet all pageant eligibility requirements at the time of competition.
3. I am responsible for all items I bring to the pageant and will not hold the pageant, its affiliates, the Marshfield Saddle Club, or anyone associated with the Marshfield Fair and Rodeo liable for any items that are lost, stolen or damaged.
4. I am responsible for any injury that I may incur while in route or competing for the title of Miss Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Queen/Teen/ Princess and hereby hold the aforementioned in item three of this document harmless for such injury.
5. I understand that my image maybe captured via photography, videography, digital or other methods, while attending the practices, competition date, parade, and rodeo. I hereby grant the use of such images for purposes related to my participation in the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant.
6. By signing this form you agree to follow all the rules and regulations set forth by the Marshfield Saddle Club and the committee formed to oversee the pageant. You also acknowledge that you were born a female and recognize as a female.

Signature of Contestant _____

Signature of Parent if contestant is under age 18 _____

Date _____

Verification

State of _____)

County of _____)

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public within and for the State of _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the identical person who executed the above and foregoing document.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20____.

Seal: _____

Notary Public



Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant

Candidate Information Packet and Contract

Important Dates

Registration Opens January 1st

Registration Closes (fees are due by this date. No late entries are allowed!) May 1st

Orientation May 17th 2:30pm at the Marshfield Saddle Club. All required documents are due by this date. (This doesn't count for competition, but all are encouraged to attend so we can go over rulebooks handed out and discuss what is expected of contestants. No horses are required for this date. You will receive your horsemanship pattern on this date.)

Practice Dates are May 31st, June 7th and June 14th at the Marshfield Saddle Club from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. The 1st part of practice will be spent in the arena with horsemanship coaches practicing patterns and arena related work. The 2nd part will be spent with the Speech and Sales coach working on speeches and how to ask and close the sale.

Competition date: June 27th at 8am at the Marshfield Saddle Club. Contestants need to be in official dress and horse needs to groomed.

Marshfield Independence Day Parade is July 4th, line up is at 9am. All contestants are required to ride in parade. This is mandatory. We will all park together behind the FEMA building (the cafeteria of Marshfield Jr. High and Webster Elementary) and ride together at the end of the parade in front of the other horses. We ask that all contestants wear official dress **or** the official shirts given to them by the committee for a unified look that day. This will be determined at a later date based on how hot the weather is that day.

Note: For younger contestants that might not be able to handle the heat on horseback we will do a float or truck ride. For safety reasons, please remember to keep at a walk during all times. Once you have checked in with the committee all contestants must stay with the group until the end of the parade, and any contestants under 18 must stay with the committee until their parents claim them.

Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo is July 3rd and 4th.

July 3rd: All contestants are required to be at rodeo July 3rd. All contestants will be riding in opening ceremonies on July 3rd in official dress wearing provided official shirts. Contestants must be at the Marshfield Fairgrounds by 5 pm. We will start at 6pm with crowning ceremonies. The Rodeo starts at 7pm with us carrying the flags. The winning royalty is required to stay until intermission and walk around the crowd, take pictures, sign autographs and promote the rodeo and competition.

July 4th: Contestants must be at the Marshfield Fairgrounds by 6 pm. Only the crowned winners will be mounted and carrying flags on rodeo night. They do not need to wear the provided official shirts, but do need to wear official dress in Patriotic theme. Remaining contestants are welcome to join us, but are not required.

Contestant Eligibility

Any contestant not meeting the following eligibility qualifications shall be denied the right to compete in the MID Rodeo Pageant. Each contestant in the Pageant on the date of competition and final selection of the Miss Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Titleholders shall certify that:

- a. She is of the proper age to be eligible to compete in her respective category, as of January 1.
- b. Be a natural born female and not be or have been previously married, pregnant and/or have children.
- c. Must execute all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions prior to competition.
- d. Must not have ever been convicted of a felony crime.
- e. Shall abide by all rules and regulations of MID Rodeo Pageant that are hereby incorporated by and referenced as part of this packet.
- k. The winning contestants shall be required to follow the reigning royalty duties as set forth in this packet.

Pageant Judging Guidelines

The Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Queen/Teen/Princess Pageant will be judged in two categories: "Speeches and Interviews" and "Horsemanship." In addition, the scores from Sponsorship Sales and Attendance will be added. There will be a total of 100 points to be earned.

Judges: Judges will not be announced until the day of competition. At least three judges will be used to judge all categories. The scores from all judges will be totaled for each contestant each time they are judged.

–All decisions of the Judges are final.

–In the event of any dispute concerning the decision of the judges, such dispute shall be settled by the Pageant Committee and Marshfield Saddle Club President. The review of any dispute shall be limited to determining if the Judges acted in good faith, impartially and in accordance with the applicable rules. If any Judge is found to have acted in violation of these rules, the Committee and President, at their discretion, may remove such judge and may take any other remedial action they deem appropriate. All decisions of the Committee and President are final.

Candidates Speeches and Interviews

Each Candidate will prepare a speech on a topic about rodeo. It can be about an event, history, famous rodeo person or animal, safety or dangers of the sport, or anything related. Speeches must be a minimum of **2 minutes but no more than 4 minutes long**. The speech needs to have a beginning, 3 points, and an ending. Both the speech and personal interviews will be part of this portion of the competition and each contestant can earn up to 20 points towards their final 100 points. The speeches and interview may be done separately or at the same time. Should they be completed separately, contestants will be asked to take a seat after their speech is given until the personal interviews portion starts.

Sponsorships and Ticket Sales

Each candidate will be required to sell tickets(Vip Tickets, Single Day Tickets and/or Fair Passes) for the Marshfield Independence Day Fair and Rodeo and are also required to get at least one sponsor. They are encouraged to get more than one sponsor if they can. Ticket sales and sponsorships, will count towards the competition up to 20 points of their total 100 points. Top saleswoman for both categories will receive the 10 points, after that the points will be divided based on participate numbers into ranks of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. If the candidate doesn't have sponsorship and at least 1 ticket sale they will receive 0 points for this part of the competition. Example below of scoring (E would be the winner overall in this category):

Name	Tickets	Sponsorships	Ticket Places	Sponsor Places	Total winner
A	\$200	\$500	4 th (4pt)	1 st (10pt)	14/20
B	\$250	\$300	3 rd (6pt)	2 nd (8pt)	14/20
C	\$100	\$100	5 th (2pt)	4 th (4pt)	6/20
D	\$400	\$50	2 nd (8pt)	5 th (2pt)	10/20
E	\$750	\$150	1 st (10pt)	3 rd (6pt)	16/20

Horsemanship

Each candidate will be judged on her horsemanship abilities. There will be a different pattern chosen for the Princess candidates versus the Queen and Teen candidates. This portion of the competition will make up to 50 points of the 100 point scoring system. You will not receive the pattern until orientation.

The candidate is judged on:

1. pattern being followed correctly and completely,
2. shows control of her horse,
3. show proper posture in the saddle,
4. following official dress code (jeans, button up shirt or horse show attire, cowboy hat, and boots. She may wear jewelry, belt, buckle, and make up, but is not required to),
5. horse is well groomed (decorations on horse doesn't count, but is not restricted) such as washed, combed/brushed,
6. tack is in good working condition and cleaned.

We use the AQHA Horsemanship rules as a guideline. We will not be following their requirements as strictly, but this will give contestants a general understanding of what we are looking for. The pattern will be provided to contestants prior to date of competition. In addition to guidelines listed below, pattern for Teen and Queen Divisions may include side-pass or other maneuvers to help showcase rider's horsemanship.

Note: Princess Candidates need to be able to walk/trot and Teen and Queen Candidates need to be able to walk/trot/canter. If a princess wins and cannot canter, then when we do the winning lap on the 4th she will simply trot to center of the arena, stand and wave as the teen and queen canter the outside.

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SHW430. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP. Available only in the amateur and youth divisions, western horsemanship is designed to evaluate the rider's ability to execute, in concert with their horse, a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence and maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position. The ideal horsemanship pattern is extremely precise with the rider and horse working in complete unison, executing each maneuver with subtle aids and cues. The horse's head and neck should be carried in a relaxed, natural position, with the poll level with or slightly above the withers. The head should not be carried behind the vertical, giving the appearance of intimidation, or be excessively nosed out, giving a resistant appearance.

SHW430.1 Pattern. It is mandatory that the judge post the initial pattern to be worked at least one hour prior to the commencement of the class; however, if the judge requires additional work of exhibitors for consideration of final placing, an additional pattern may be posted. All patterns must include a walk, jog, lope, and a back. Pattern(s) should be designed to test the horseman's ability. All ties will be broken at the judge's discretion.

Attendance

Each candidate will receive points for being timely and ready to go for practice. This portion of the competition makes up to 10 points of the 100-point scoring system.

To receive her points for that practice she must:

1. be on her horse.
2. in the practice arena awaiting instructions from her coach at 2pm.
3. If she is even a minute late, she will not receive her points for that day.

Reigning Royalty Duties

As the reigning royalty, you are required throughout the year to come in official dress, with crown and sash, to at least 2 Marshfield Saddle Club Equestrian Events. You may also be scheduled to do promotional events for sponsors or other community activities such as, but not limited to, reading to kids at the local libraries, going to community events, and so on. You will not be eligible to compete the following season, but after 1 year from passing your crown to another you may compete again.

You are also to be an example of a good and moral citizen throughout your reign to the community. If found to be otherwise, you will be removed from your reign and the runner up will complete your rule. At the end of your reign, you will be present on the first night of the rodeo to crown the next year's winning royalty.

Rodeo Night Presentations and Order

The contestants need to be at the fairgrounds by 5 pm on July 3rd. This will be our Pre Show with the last lap for our reigning royalty, presentation of this year's contestants and sponsors, and the crowning of this year's royalty.

The order for crowning will be announced as follows: Princess Runner up, Crowned Princess, Teen runner up, Crowned Teen, Miss Congeniality, Queen Runner Up, and finally Crowned Queen. As stated before depending on the number and ages of participants there may not be a teen category.

At the beginning of the rodeo the candidates and reigning royalty will be lined up and paired off for the opening ceremony. Instructions on the full presentation will come at a later date. Please note that our royalty may be asked to carry flags either in preshow or opening ceremonies of the rodeo.

On July 4th only the new royalty is required to come, but we would love to have all the contestants if they want to be there. The new royalty needs to be at the fairgrounds by 6 pm. They will ride 1 lap in opening ceremonies, then walk around until intermission signing autographs and taking pictures with spectators to promote rodeo.

The VIP Dinner and Meet & Greet will be held on July 4th. This consists of a meal for our VIP ticket holders and a meet and greet with contestants and Miss Rodeo USA for VIP ticket holders.

**NOTE: Some times and details may change based on arrangements with the Webster County Fair Board.

Additional Rules and Code of Conduct

- When contestants are accepted into the pageant competition they become official authorized pageant ambassadors until the end of the competition. As such, they are expected to behave in the same manner as if they have been crowned.

- Bad sportsmanship, bullying, bribery, pestering or other excessive behavior (written or oral) will not be tolerated and are cause for disqualification during competition or even loss of title for reigning queens. This applies to participants and their guests, whether towards the Judges, Committee, Competition Volunteers, or any member of the Marshfield Saddle Club.
- **Cell Phone Use:** Cell phones are not allowed during practice, parade, or rodeo arena time. This is for everyone's safety and so we can all stay focused on the job we are here to do. You may use them before or after or if your coach deems it necessary. All parents will have Nicole Hampton's phone number in case of emergency -situations (417-300-8227). If you can't reach Nicole Hampton, then you may contact Christina Sash (417-531-1498).
- **Social Media:** We encourage all who are affiliated with the pageant to post about it on social media platforms. However, these posts need to be family friendly, positive and uplifting to the pageant. Negative posts, comments, or derogatory remarks about staff, contestants, or pageant in general will not be tolerated and can disqualify a contestant (even if this is done by a family member). We are here to uplift these girls and our community. If you have a concern about something, you need to privately address it with one of the Committee Members so it can/will be properly addressed/handled. Social Media hashtags to use are #MIDRodeoRoyalty, #MarshfieldMO4th, and #Marshfieldsaddleclubroyalty
- **Removal from Competition/Loss of Title:** Should the committee be notified of actions that merits it, they may with a majority vote of members at any time remove a contestant from competition or remove the title from its holder. Such actions may include, but not be limited to:
 - Being charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime in moral turpitude;
 - Have taken any actions with in the good faith determination of the Pageant Committee will, or is reasonably likely to, cause harm or damage to the goodwill or reputation of the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant, the Marshfield Saddle Club and/or its members;
 - Violate any provisions of the Contestant Application, Pageant Requirements and Rules of the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant.

Dress Code

It is important to note that this is not a clothing contest; however, contestants are expected, wherever noted to be in "official" western dress at all times. We encourage our contestants to dress in clothing that is flattering and fits well, that suits your style and personality and ultimately makes you feel confident; not who has the most expensive wardrobe.

Official dress: Will be jeans, long-sleeved button up shirt or horse show attire, cowboy hat and boots. You may wear makeup, jewelry, belt, buckle, decorate horse or anything else you want, but that is up to each contestant and won't gain you any extra points.

Provided Official Shirt(s): This is the long sleeved dress shirt provided by the Committee for you to wear during the parade and crowning ceremony. You may also wear this shirt on competition day. An official t-shirt may also be provided to be worn at the Committee's discretion to wear.

Jeans: Jeans for all events in official dress should be blue or black denim. Sponsor consideration is appreciated. Should the Committee receive a sponsorship from a clothing company contestants may be asked to wear that brand during official dress events.

Additional Requirements: At all events, including practices, contestants should be dressed modestly. Stomach and cleavage must be covered and undergarments should not be seen.

NOTE: This dress code is subject to change. Any changes will be noted and announced with the final orientation packet. This dress code is intended for Marshfield Independence Day Pageant contestants and does not pertain to the reigning royalty.

Awards

Following coronation, the Pageant Committee members will escort ALL contestants to the TBD Location to receive their awards. If any contestant fails to attend, they will forfeit all gifts, awards and scholarships. Sponsor pictures will be taken at this time as well.

The Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Queen receives the following prizes: A \$500 award from the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Pageant Committee, a buckle, a sash, a perpetual crown, and other items.

The Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Teen and Princess receive the following prizes: A buckle, a sash, a perpetual crown, and other items.

Miss Congeniality will receive the following prizes: A sash, and other items. All contestants will vote for Miss Congeniality during the pageant.

Contestants receiving the highest number of points in Sales, Speech and Horsemanship will receive a High Point Award.

All contestants may receive souvenirs and various gifts representative of the pageant.

Other Items

We have a candidate pool party every year the Tuesday after the competition for the girls and their families to come relax, visit and eat. This is held at the Hyder Farms 5655 Long State Hwy P Seymour Mo 65746 by Randy and Rebecca Hyder. This is not a mandatory event, it is just a fun time for the girls.

On the 3rd and 4th we will have a designated area for the girls and their families to sit under and watch the rodeo. We will also have our prizes on display for the community to see what the girls are getting when they participate. We ask families to help us man this area and keep watch over the items while visiting with people about their daughters.

By signing below you acknowledge you have read and understand what is required of you during competition and if crowned royalty. You accept these responsibilities and are willing and able to fulfil your role in this competition.

Signature of Participant: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Legal Guardian (If participant is under 18 years of age) _____

Signature of Gaurdian: _____

Date: _____

Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Royalty Pageant Sponsorship Form

Greetings,

The young lady before you is seeking sponsorship for her part in the Marshfield Independence Day Rodeo Royalty Pageant. This part of the competition is to help our young ladies develop skills for later in life. If you have any further questions or would like to be more involved with our program, feel free to reach out to the committee at marshfieldsrodeoroyalty@proton.me. Please make checks out to the Marshfield Saddle Club and in the memo line put Rodeo Sponsorship. **ALL FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE IN BY MAY 15TH NO EXCEPTION!** Thank you for your support.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Candidate's name: _____

Sponsorship Levels and Incentives

Crown Sponsor \$500: 2 passes to the Webster County Fair, verbal recognition at the rodeo, Royalty promo visit for 1 hour at your business, logo on contestant's shirt and a banner at the Marshfield Saddle Club for 1 year.

Buckle Sponsor \$300: 2 passes to the Webster County Fair, verbal recognition at the rodeo, Royalty promo visit for 1 hour at your business, logo on contestant's shirt.

Shirt Sponsor \$200: 1 pass to the Webster County Fair, verbal recognition at the rodeo, Royalty promo visit at your business for 1 hour.

Jewelry Sponsor \$150: 1 pass to the Webster County Fair and Thank You postcard from the contestants

Prize Sponsor \$50: Thank you postcard from the contestants

Friends and Family \$25: Thank you postcard from the contestants

Ticket Sales Aid

One Night Only Rodeo Ticket: This gets the holder in for one rodeo night only (July 3rd or 4th 6pm or later). It is the same price no matter the age of the ticket holder. \$8

Fair Pass: This can be used in multiple ways. It can get a single person in all 5 nights of the fair or it can get multiple (up to 5) into the fair on different nights/same nights. Once all 5 punches are used up the pass is no longer valid. It also does not carry over to the next year and there are no refunds. \$35

VIP ticket: This gets the holder and one guest into the preshow and rodeo on July 3rd only. The holder also gets swag bag, a brisket dinner, meet Miss Rodeo USA and our contestants/ reigning royalty in a private meet and greet before the rodeo. These tickets are limited, and we will only offer 10 of them for sale. The key to selling these is to stress the exclusiveness of them. Stress how they are getting pampered with swag bag and a meal, plus getting one on one time with a National Rodeo Queen and our contestants. \$250

NOTE: Final prices are to be determined by the Webster County Fair Board.