

## Pageant/Judging Guidelines by Category

### Appearance

1. Attractiveness with **self-confidence**
2. **Grooming:** This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail including complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a girl to be considered.
3. **Photogenic Quality:** Judges will conduct a review of a single 8"x10" photo that the Contestant will have submitted with her entry.
4. **Posture:** How a Contestant carries herself is very important. The Judges will be looking for Contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
5. **Poise and ladylike behavior** in every situation: Judges will be looking for Contestants to handle each situation in which they are involved with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for Contestants to have a substantial knowledge of proper etiquette.
6. **Western Fashion Sense:** Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will be paying particular attention to Contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring, appearance and eye appeal.
7. **Proper fit of clothing:** Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personally. Judges will be looking for a properly fitting hat that is shaped to flatter the Contestants face. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest an excessive

amount of money in clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination and a Contestant's ability to carry out a "total look".

**8. Knowledge of Western clothing:** Contestants should be familiar with the major manufacturers and the latest trends in the western wear industry.

### **Personality**

- 1. Intelligence and good common sense.**
- 2. Conversational ability** in varied circumstances, with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- 3. A good sense of humor.**
- 4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.**
- 5. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.**
- 6. Self-Projection-**the ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback or appearing on stage before a crowd.
- 7. A happy outlook on life.**
- 8. Promptness** in keeping the pageant schedule.
- 9. Maturity.**
- 10. The ability to clearly express** ones educational and career goals.

## **Horsemanship**

1. Horsemanship-Control of the horse and the way the Contestant handles each situation that may occur.
2. Balance- The ability to sit steady in the saddle.
3. Position of hands, feet and seat.
4. Understanding and skill will be judged and not the horse or the equipment.
5. There will be one go round of horsemanship competition. Each contestant will be required to execute the designated pattern for her age division. At the discretion of the judges, patterns may be altered due to the arena conditions. Any changes and/or alterations to the Horsemanship patterns will be announced to the Contestants before the horsemanship begins.
6. Showmanship: How well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.