

1. **Who is Miss Turquoise Circuit?**

The title holder symbolizes the young women of the States of Arizona and New Mexico who desire to promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, the western way of life. She is the ideal American young woman and is a person who will represent rodeo as she travels the length and breadth of our two states, as well as other parts of the United States as required or desired.

2. **What does it mean to be Miss Turquoise Circuit?**

The young woman who desires to be the official representative of professional rodeo in Arizona and New Mexico, must portray good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflect careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety and be able to “sell” rodeo to anyone with whom she comes in contact. She should be able to communicate intelligently and with dignity and sincere interest for our sport, and she should be able to explain the rules regarding the protection of our livestock to the general public.

3. **How do you become Miss Turquoise Circuit?**

One must pay the \$200 entry fee, submit all required paperwork and meet the requirements set forth in these Official Rules. (Entry fees will not be refunded unless the competition is cancelled.) Then, the contestant must compile the highest combined scores that are awarded in the categories of Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance and the Written Test.

Explanation of Reign - Miss Turquoise Circuit wins her title at the annual Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant and performs the duties of said title for one year, giving up her title at the following Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant. As Miss Turquoise Circuit, she is expected to attend as many PRCA rodeos in the States of Arizona and New Mexico as is monetarily feasible and work at said rodeos as the official royalty for the Turquoise Circuit ProRodeo. This work is to include, but not be limited to:

- a. Contacting and working with the Turquoise Circuit Board of Directors at all circuit rodeos;
- b. Riding in the Grand Entry and carrying flags as requested by the committee;
- c. Clearing cattle from the arena during the tie-down roping, steer wrestling or other events as requested;
- d. Working with the rodeo committees on whatever promotions they may desire;
- e. Assisting the local pageant if requested; and
- f. Working with the Stock Contractors at each and every rodeo to help in every way possible. (This could include saddling and unsaddling horses, feeding of the livestock, etc.)

MTC will have 4 mandatory rodeos she must attend:

- Cave Creek Rodeo in March- Cave Creek, AZ
- Prescott Frontier Days-World’s Oldest Rodeo in July- Prescott, AZ
- World’s Oldest Continuous Rodeo in August- Payson, AZ
- Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo/Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant-Cave Creek, AZ

She will also be required to attend **3 PRCA rodeos in New Mexico** and **3 PRCA rodeos in Arizona that are different from the mandatory rodeos listed above.**

Eligibility

1. The contestants in the Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant shall:

- a. Have obtained the age of 18 years and shall not have obtained the age of 26 years before December 31st of her competition year. ie. She may compete at 17 if she will be 18 by December 31st of that same year. Thereby, she will be 18 when traveling, and a legal adult.
- b. Be a natural born female and not have been previously married, or have had a child.
- c. Be a resident of the States of Arizona or New Mexico for at least 6-month, with proof, if applicable, such as driver’s license, voter registration, etc.
- d. Have the means to finance the travel in the two states if there is no financial assistance from the Pageant. Sponsors may be used for said financing and fundraisers may be held.
- e. Not have initiated any pending lawsuit or legal action, nor have any such action brought against her. Must not be charged with and/or determined to have committed a crime of any kind.
- f. Have executed all consents, and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions to competition.

- g. Abide by all rules of Borderland Queen Enterprises, Inc. and the Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant or forfeit all awards and monies given to her as a part of the winner of the Pageant.

2. **Any contestant who does not meet these qualifications shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant.**

Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant Judging Guidelines

1. Miss Turquoise Circuit contestants are judged in four divisions: Horsemanship (40%), Personality (20%), Appearance (20%) and "Other"-The other category areas such as modeling, speaking, stage presence, etc (20%). The score from the Written Test is added into the total overall score at the end to determine the winner of the title. **NOTE: The Horsemanship Interview scores are counted as part of the overall Horsemanship score.**
2. Judges – Three to five officials will judge all categories of the Pageant. Their scores will be taken from the individual score sheets and entered into a spreadsheet by a neutral party immediately following each division of the competition.
3. A copy of your score sheets will be scanned and emailed to you within 1 week of the contest.
4. Complaints or grievances must be filed in writing. They must include name, address, daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint, and be signed and dated. The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible, in order for the appropriate action to be taken. The committee will research the information and all involved parties will be notified about the complaint and given the opportunity to provide a response. The BQE Board will vote and determine any necessary action to be taken.
5. Judged Events
 - a. Horsemanship –
 - ◆ MTC contestants will draw for their mounts from a relatively equal pen of horses and tack that have been brought in for the competition. They will not be allowed to warm-up or otherwise ride their draw horse until entering the arena to perform.
 - ◆ There will be one go-round of horsemanship competition with a set pattern (See pages below for Set pattern).
 - ◆ The other round of horsemanship will be a freestyle pattern that will require certain elements and must be completed in three minutes. (See pages below for Freestyle Requirements).
 - ◆ Contestants will need to bring their own horse for horsemanship. They might be asked to saddle and bridle their own horse in front of the judges. They might also use their horse to carry a flag during competition and at the TCF rodeo.
 - ◆ Contestants might be asked to mount and dismount.
 - ◆ Contestants will do a queen run following the completion of one of their patterns.
 - ◆ Any changes and/or alterations to the horsemanship will be announced to the contestants before the horsemanship competition begins. The pattern will be set by the reigning title holder.
 - ◆ **Horsemanship AND Horsemanship Interview Scores are included in the Horsemanship Division.**
 - b. Media Interview - Each contestant will participate in a mock Media interview during the Fashion Show, just as if she is appearing on a live radio or television show.
 - c. Introductory Speech – Each contestant shall give a one-minute introductory speech. This may be creative and fun, if desired.
 - d. Interviews (Personal and Horsemanship) – Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges. Questions asked will test the contestant's knowledge of the MTCP, professional rodeo, animal welfare issues, horsemanship and current affairs.
 - e. Extemporaneous/Impromptu Questions and Speech – Questions will be asked of the contestants during the fashion show. Topics of the questions might relate to the sport of rodeo, current events, horsemanship, or personality. There will be no prepared speech. Contestants will give a 1½ minute extemporaneous speech about one of three subjects they are given at the fashion show. They will have 5 minutes to prepare their speech once they are shown the topics.
 - f. Modeling/Fashion Show – Contestants will model twice, once slow and elegant in their western elegance dress and another time with a faster beat in their fashion forward/western trend outfit.
 - g. Photogenic – The judges will score a photograph which will be submitted by the contestant along with her application. (This will be an award category only and will not count toward the winning score.)
 - h. Written Test - There shall be a written test with the score added to the total for each contestant to help determine the winner. The test shall be over the sport of professional rodeo, equine science and the queening world. An award will be presented to the contestant with the highest score.
6. Category Winners and Ties

- a. The winners in the Horsemanship, Personality and Appearance divisions shall be determined by the total scores in those categories. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken by referring back to Judge #1 (head judge to be selected.) This judge's score will break the tie. If the tie remains, Judge #2's score will be used, and so forth until the tie is broken.
 - b. Ties resulting in Photogenic will be broken by using the same method as above.
 - c. A tie for the Miss Turquoise Circuit Title and runners-up will be broken by the Horsemanship scores. ie. The contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will receive the highest ranking. Should there be a tie remaining, the scores of Judge 1, or the Head Judge shall be used to break the tie.
 - d. The Ty Berry Spirit Award will be given to the contestant who the MTCP committee feels has displayed the spirit and sportsmanship that young Ty Berry showed to others.
7. Contestant Expenses/Other at the contest:
- a. Most meals will be provided for the contestants. Lodging will be furnished for all contestants, even those who reside in the immediate area.
 - b. Contestants will be sequestered during the pageant and will ride with a chaperone to each event.
 - c. The MTC chaperone's number will be provided to parents and they may call at any time if a question or issue arises. Contestants will not be allowed to have their phones during the competition.
 - d. Parents will be responsible for transporting contestants' horses to and from the arena.
 - e. Parents and relatives of MTC contestants are welcome to attend events at which the contestants will be present except for the private interviews; but, they will be required to purchase tickets to those events, if applicable. (ie. Rodeo performances)
 - f. Following Orientation, a representative of the MTCP Board will be available to explain the Pageant activities and to answer questions for families and other attendees.
 - g. Auctions – Each contestant shall bring an item to be auctioned at the Back Number Ceremony. This may be a basket with a number of items or only one special item, but **should have a collective value of at least \$100, and the more the better.** Contestants will also be required to bring one silent auction item. We encourage our contestants to get the item(s) donated or sponsored so there is no out-of-pocket expense. All monies will go to the MTCP.
8. Awards and Benefits – Contestants should be aware that MTC titleholders do not receive a salary and their expenses throughout their reign are their responsibility. However, the Miss Turquoise Circuit Pageant is committed to the following:
- a. MTC shall be loaned the use of the Miss Turquoise Circuit crown, chaps, vest, sashes/banners and the Turquoise Circuit flag and flagpole for the period of her reign. All these items must be returned to the MTCP immediately following the last performance of the Turquoise Circuit Finals or when requested by the MTC Committee or the Turquoise Circuit Board of Directors.
 - b. MTC shall be awarded a trophy belt buckle, spurs, and saddle.
 - c. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Personality, Appearance, Horsemanship, Photogenic, Written Test categories, as well as the Spirit Award, and others as deemed necessary.
 - d. 50/50 Tickets – Contestants are required to sell a minimum of 200-50/50 tickets. The winning tickets will be drawn at Coronation. The winning tickets will receive ½ of the money brought in by the raffle (30% for 1st ticket drawn and 20% for the second). The contestant who sells the most tickets shall receive the Top Hand Award, but this in no way goes toward deciding the winner of the Miss Turquoise Circuit title. More tickets may be requested when the first 200 are sold.
 - e. MTC agrees to do monthly Sponsor Shout-outs of pageant sponsors on social media.
 - f. MTC may obtain personal sponsors, subject to both prior and final approval by the BQE, Inc. Board. Personal sponsors may not be in direct or indirect competition with official pageant sponsors- meaning they may not sell the same type of products or offer the same types of services, even if marketed differently or on a smaller scale. A Personal Sponsor Form must be fully completed and submitted to the BQE, Inc. Board along with any funds collected. If the sponsorship is an in-kind, non-cash format, the sponsor must state on the form the service they are providing and the approximate value. Sponsors may indicate on the form how they would like their contribution to be designated (e.g., for travel, wardrobe, etc.), and if a designation is made, the funds must be used specifically for that purpose. BQE, Inc. will issue official tax receipts to sponsors and will disburse the collected funds to MTC on a regular basis, using a method such as a replenishable cash card or another format at the sole discretion of BQE, Inc.

MISS TURQUOISE CIRCUIT 2026 PAGEANT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OPEN TO PUBLIC</u>
<i>TUESDAY, Oct. 21</i>		
6:00 p.m.	Mandatory Orientation on Zoom, Draw Order	Contestants and Families only
<i>THURSDAY, Oct. 30, 2025</i>		
8:00 a.m.	Check-in and small orientation @ Windrush Arena	Families only
9:00 a.m.	Horsemanship Competition @ Windrush Arena	Yes
12:00 p.m.	Lunch with parents	Family only
1:00 p.m.	Move into rooms	Family only
2:00 p.m.	Horsemanship Interview @ TBD	No
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	No
6:00 p.m.	Back Number Ceremony and Live Auction @ Cave Creek Memorial Rodeo Arena	Yes
9:00 p.m.	Written Test	No
<i>FRIDAY, October 31, 2025</i>		
7:30 a.m.	Personal/Personality Interview at The Place	No
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Doors Open, Mocktails and Appetizers	Yes, with ticket* Limited to 100 people
11:00 a.m.	Fashion Show and Coronation at The Place	
3:00 p.m.	Signing of contract	
6:30 p.m.	MTC 2026 will sell 50/50 tickets and will not participate in the rodeo as a queen. May be asked to be a flag girl	Must purchase rodeo ticket
<i>SATURDAY, November 1, 2025</i>		
9:00 a.m.	Exceptional Rodeo @ Arena	Yes
12:30 p.m.	MTC 2026 will sell 50/50 tickets and will not participate in the rodeo as a queen. May be asked to be a flag girl	Must Purchase rodeo ticket
6:30 p.m.	MTC 2026 will make her first official queen run	Must purchase rodeo ticket

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ATTIRE – Miss Turquoise Circuit 2026 Pageant

Contestants are expected to appear in "full western attire" at all times, unless otherwise specified; to include hat, boots, long-sleeved shirt, Cinch or Wrangler product pants and belt. Proper attire for each event is listed below.

Thursday, October 30	
Horsemanship	<i>Dress for the horsemanship competition will be a long-sleeved, collared, form-fitting shirt of any color, print, with or without ornamentation, and the shirttail tucked in; and a pant product made by Cinch, Aura, 20X or Wrangler in any color denim, and western hat, boots and belt in any coordinating color. NOTE: Chaps, spurs, and/or gloves are not permitted.</i>
Fashion Show Rehearsal/Back Number Ceremony	The Back Number Ceremony will be held outdoors at the arena. You will be auctioning off your basket walking through the crowd. Jeans with a fancy jacket/vest recommended
Friday, October 31	
Personal/Personality Interview	Western dress/skirt & blouse or slacks/jeans with jacket/vest
Fashion Show and Coronation	<p>You will need 3 outfits:</p> <p>Informal Western Wear -1 minute introduction speech and impromptu questions</p> <p>Fashion forward- Fast modeling and media interview</p> <p>Western Elegance- Extemporaneous Speech, elegant modeling and Coronations</p> <p>*Western elegance may be leather or other material dress, skirt or blouse with a hat and dress boots.</p>
Rodeo Perf #1	Long-sleeved shirt, jeans, belt and hat *Once the rodeo committee lets us know the theme we will let you know. MTC 2026 will sell 50/50 tickets and will not participate in the rodeo as a queen. May be asked to be a flag girl
Saturday, Nov. 1	
Exceptional Rodeo	Long sleeved shirt, jeans, boot, belt
Rodeo Perf #2	Long-sleeved shirt, jeans, belt and hat *Once the rodeo committee lets us know the theme we will let you know. MTC 2026 will sell 50/50 tickets and will not participate in the rodeo as a queen. May be asked to be a flag girl
Rodeo Perf #3	Long-sleeved shirt, jeans, belt and hat *Once the rodeo committee lets us know the theme we will let you know. MTC 2026 will make her first official queen run.



Freestyle Requirements

The free style pattern will consist of the elements listed below and must be completed in the three minute time limit. The time will start as soon as the horse's nose crosses the arena gate and the time will stop when the contestant declares their pattern is finished by turning, stopping and looking at the judges. The announcer will let contestant know when they have 30 seconds remaining. Time overages will cause penalties in score. The freestyle pattern is your creation and anything is permitted, as long as ALL the elements listed below have been included in your pattern. Elements not completed will be penalized.

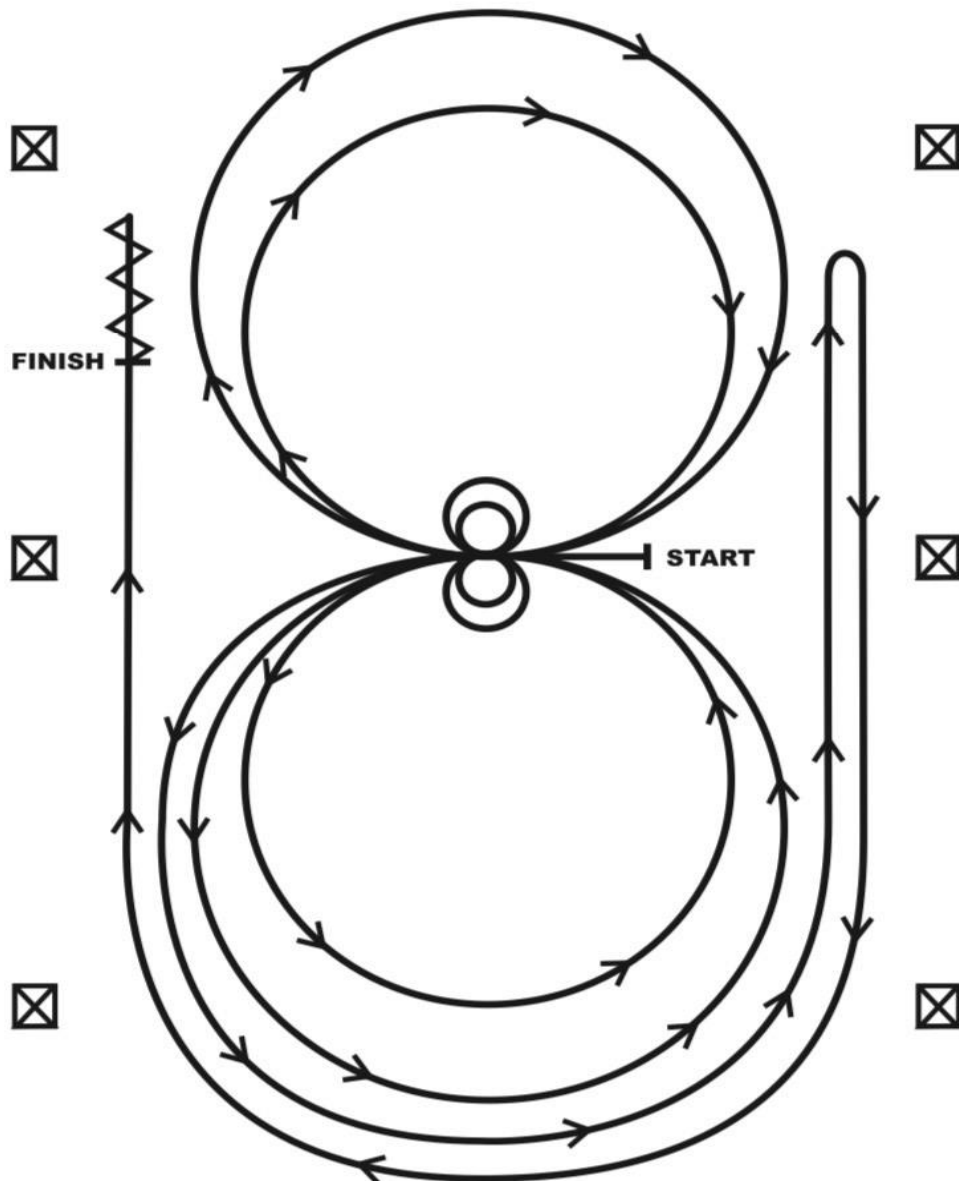
Elements that MUST be included, in any order:

- ◆ A minimum of 1 figure eight
- ◆ one small slow circle & then one large fast circle
- ◆ Stop and back
- ◆ Lead change; left and right
- ◆ Spin; left and right

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PAGEANT
Set Pattern

REINING PATTERN A

Approved only for Level I Youth & Amateur, Youth 13 & Under



Horses may walk or jog to the center of the arena. Horses must walk or stop prior to starting the pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete two spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead complete two circles to the right. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete two spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, go around the end of the arena, run down the right side of the arena past center marker, stop and roll back right.
6. Continue around the end of the arena to run down the left side of the arena past the center marker. Stop. Back up. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.



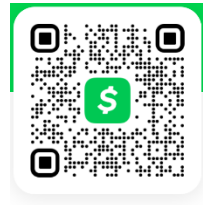
Fashion Show Tickets:

Fashion Show tickets may be purchased using Zelle or cash app for \$30 a person. Please put who they are for and how many tickets needed in the message. For Example: Ty Murray, 4 tickets or The Cooper Family-6 tickets *All visiting royalty gets in for free!

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Pageant Locations:

Fashion Show and Coronation will be Friday, Oct 31, doors open at 10:30 and the fashion show will start at 11:00. Limited to 100 people. Location will be at The Place in Cave Creek. 14850 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Orientation and Horsemanship will be held Thursday, October 30th at Windrush Ranch located at 34820 N. 14th St, Phoenix, AZ 85086

The MTCP will provide one stall for your horse at Windrush Ranch from Wednesday, Oct. 29-Friday, Oct. 31. If you would like more than one stall they are available for \$15 a night at Windrush Ranch located at 34820 N. 14th St, Phoenix, AZ 85086 (Please let us know if you need a stall from them in order to receive the discounted price).

The Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo will take place at the Cave Creek Memorial Arena 37201 N 28th St, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. Tickets for the finals can be purchased at <https://www.turquoisecircuitfinalsrodeo.com/>