**Rodeo Queen Pageant – Judging Appearance**

\*CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE DRESSED LIKE A RODEO QUEEN AT ALL TIMES\*

**General Appearance Scoring**

If possible, see/know the current trends in Rodeo Queen appearance. Research what the current national queens are wearing, from head to toe. Trends and styles change and if you haven’t been recently active in the queen world you need to make sure you are up to date in terms of accuracy. A good source to follow is Miss Rodeo America. The most important thing to remember is FIT over FLARE, make sure you get something that fits you properly.

**Public Speaking**

Clothing can be dresses, skirts, jeans, shirt **must** have at least a ¾ sleeve length or longer, boots and western felt hat. Hair should be down and curled with tasteful makeup and neutral or clear nails.

Long dress, short dress, skirt, or pants are acceptable. Keep up with the current Miss Rodeo America trends and what was worn at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. More recently short dresses/skirts have become the trend.

**Interview**

Clothing can be dresses, skirts, jeans, blazers, with at least a ¾ sleeve length shirt of choice, boots and western felt hat. Hair should be down with tasteful makeup and neutral or clear nails.

Blazers are recommended for interviews and should be worn **open**. Can be worn with pants, skirt or dress. Keep up with the current Miss Rodeo America trends and what was worn at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Skirt and pant outfits have become the trend.

**Horsemanship**

Clothing should be a long-sleeve shirt, jeans, boots, western hat, hair should be pulled back in a low pony.

Must have Felt hat with no stampede strings. If hat comes off during the horsemanship portion 10 points will be deducted. Informational letter provides information to keep hat on. Clothing is recommended to be one color from head to toe. Will be judged on how close colors match. Top is recommended to be a button down. Zip up shirts are ok but will not be scored as high. Hair should be in a low pony but still curled. Keep up with the current Miss Rodeo America trends and what was worn at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

**NOT Allowed**

Skirts and dresses must be appropriate length, think of professional wear.

Straw hats should not be worn at any time during pageant or reign.

No excessive facial or body piercings or tattoos are allowed to be shown.

No unnatural hair color is allowed for contestants.

**Clothing**

Constants should wear well-fitted western styled clothing that is clean, pressed and in good condition. Outfits need to be appropriate for each specific event. Leather outfits are nice but not necessary and should never be scored higher than other types of fabrics worn based solely on the fact that they are leather. It is recommended that pants should be well starched, creased and never faded. Skirts and dresses should be at an appropriate length. Long dresses or shirts should be long enough to be floating over the floor, your boots should not be showing other than just the toe. Shirts should be tapered and fit well. Shirts MUST HAVE a ¾ or longer sleeve length at all times. Button down shirts are recommended over zip up.

**Hair and Make Up**

Hair should be well groomed, styled, and curled. ONLY during the horsemanship portion of the pageant should the hair be pulled back in a low pony. In the rodeo queen industry ladies are expected to have rodeo queen “wings”. This is when the hair by the ears and face is teased and curled away from the face. This is to show off jewelry and show your face while wearing a hat. “Wing” tutorials online can help show you how to make them. Here are two: “**Miss Rodeo America 2020, Jordan Tierney - on Facebook**” and “**Miss Rodeo America 2017, Lisa Lageschaar: Rodeo Queen Wings Tip and Trick - on YouTube**.” Makeup should be age appropriate and well applied with colors complementing the outfit. Makeup should be used to enhance the natural beauty of the contestant and should not be used excessively.

**Boots**

Need to be well polished and no scuff marks. Dress or modeling boots are appropriate for almost every event. Snip or round toe is recommended for everything other than horsemanship. Lace ups or fashion boots are not appropriate. It is recommended that boots should complement the outfit. A good rule of thumb is that the boots match the hat color.

**Hats**

A queen hat should be clean (no smudges or dust) and well shaped (following the Miss Rodeo America trends). The band should be a felt band matching the hat. Hat bands should be worn for competition. Only as a title holder should the band be removed so the crown sits properly. Black, white, and tan are always acceptable. Colored hats if they complement the outfit have become the new trend. No straw hats. Cavenders does free hat shaping and cleaning.

**Hands and Nails**

Hands should be clean and well cared for. Nails should be manicured using only clear, French tip, or neutral, no colored polish. Acrylic nails are acceptable but should be shorter.

**Accessories**

Contestants should wear a belt with a buckle. Buckles won at previous contests, rodeo, or horsemanship events are acceptable. Ideally belts should match the pants or skirt. Painting belts is the easiest way to match. Jewelry should be appropriate and enhance the outfit and doesn’t have to be western styled. Any other extra facial or body piercings are unacceptable and should not be worn during the competition.

**Overall Judging**

A judge should be pleased with the overall appearance of the contestant. She should indicate that she has a good understanding of appropriate western apparel in all judged events. Did she follow the guidelines that have been set? Was she dressed modestly? Were her dresses and skirts long enough? An impeccable appearance will be required of the contestant if she wins the title, and should be exhibited throughout the pageant. There are no official clothing sponsors for the Troy Rodeo Queen Pageant, therefore clothing should not be faulted based on the brand.