

Miss Rodeo Missouri

Official Pageant Rule Book



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Preface

It is the mission of the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant to provide leadership and mentorship to Miss Rodeo Missouri (MRM) guiding her to represent the state of Missouri and enhance the legacy of the sport of rodeo and share our heritage of our western way of life. MRM Pageant establishes the rules and regulations in these guidelines. And will be applicable to all Miss and Teen title holders under contract with MRM, and all approved contestants competing for the title of Miss Rodeo Missouri or Miss Teen Rodeo Missouri title. MRM reserves the right to amend its rules and guidelines by action of the MRM Board at anytime.

Who is Miss Rodeo Missouri?

Miss Rodeo Missouri represents the future of rodeo and youth in the state of Missouri. She is a young women between the ages of 20-26 who represents the hard work, dignity, traditions and virtue that so many of us call a way of life. Her role will be to promote and share the love of rodeo, sportsmanship and educate the public on the sport of professional rodeo. She is an ideal western American who strives to be an excellent horsemen, will strive to have a strong understanding of the sport of rodeo, the equine industry and Missouri's rich history. She is a young women who loves to travel, is outgoing, speaks professionally and intelligently, enjoys meeting new people while sincerely promoting the state of Missouri and professional rodeo.

Contestant Eligibility

Each contestant in the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant shall on the date of competition and final selection as Miss Rodeo Missouri:

Meet all requirements set forth in the official rulebook for Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant

Shall be a female as established by the gender at birth as shown on official copy of original birth certificate. Should consider herself female and not have ever had her gender reclassification on her birth certificate. Must use the pronouns she/her

Contestants who compete in the 2025 Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant must affirm they will be 21 years of age by November 1, 2025 and will be no older than 26 years of age by December 31, 2025.

Contestants must be permanent residents of the State of Missouri for minimum of 12 months prior to the pageant and the selected girl must remain a current resident of the state of Missouri during their reign.

Miss contestants must have a high school diploma or the equivalent to.

Residents attending college out of the state may compete but may be required to move back in state during reign as Miss Rodeo Missouri if a residency issue should arise.

Contestants must be single and certify that she has never been married, pregnant or given birth to a child.

Contestants must not cohabitate any romantic partners or members of the opposite sex during her reign.

Contestants must not have been a previous MRM or nay other state "Miss Rodeo" title holder. Contestants must not hold any other state title or have previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

If the contestant holds another title which is not expired prior to taking the role of Miss Rodeo Missouri consideration must be made by the Board of Directors to the Missouri crown. It is understood that Miss Rodeo Missouri will take priority over all other titles.

Failure to complete the reign as MRM or failure to compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant shall obligate the contestant to reimburse the MRM Pageant Inc. and all sponsors for any money, prizes, items, gifts, won or received as MRM.

A Miss Rodeo Missouri title holder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. and Board of Directors.

The Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. by majority vote has the right to refuse any contestants application. If the contestant is refused entry into the contest here will be no appeal process.

Miss Rodeo Missouri contestants must score a **minimum of 70%** of all points available and Miss Teen Rodeo Missouri contestants must score **60%** of all points available to earn the privilege of being the title holder. This can be overridden by a majority vote by the MRM Board.

Contestants must execute and provide all consents, waivers, agreements, documentation and conditions needed on the due date of application and as detailed in the application packet. MRM Board of Directors has the right disqualify any contestant for rule infractions with no appeal process.

Contestants must not have ever been convicted of a crime, nor involved in any criminal activity or criminal litigation, must be of good moral character, and never had a title removed for any reason.

Contestants must not have ever been engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonable likely to cause harm or damage to contestants reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc.

Any contestant not meeting the qualification set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant.

Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Application Requirements

All contestants who enter the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant must complete the following steps:

Submit a completed, application via google documents.

Submit the 150 word biography that is listed in the application that is articulate and well thought out. This will be used to introduce you during the pageant.

Submit one color 8x10 head and shoulder photograph (No Crown)

“Please list your sponsor(s) so they can receive proper recognition.

Each contestant must pay their \$200 entry fee, as well as provide \$100 in sponsorships. Sponsorships may come from one business/individual or multiple. Entry fee money must be sent via PayPal or Venmo to missrodeomissouriassoc@gmail.com. All sponsorship money must be donated to Miss Rodeo Missouri for tax purposes. This will be submitted at the pageant at check in. Please list your sponsor(s) below so they can receive proper recognition.

Contestant release and waiver must be signed and notarized.

Submit a copy of the contestant’s driver’s license, birth certificate or passport confirming their date of birth.

Pageant Rules

Contestants are required to attend all pageant events and activities and provide their own wardrobe following the wardrobe guidelines.

Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, lady like manner and always portray a good moral standards during the pageant.

Judges will be selected by the Board of Directors.

A judge may not be approached by contestant or any individual with the inter to influence or harass. This includes approaching a judge online or through social media. Action of this type will be reported to the MRM Board of Directors and disqualification of that contestant.

Harassment and arguing between contestants will not be tolerated.

Contestants may not leave the pageant until all awards are presented at the coronation ceremony and contestant banners have been checked back into the National Director. Until check out all contestants must abide by the pageant rules. Failure to do so will result in title forfeiture, loss of prizes etc.

All decisions of the judges are final and no appeal process can be made to the Board of Directors.

Parents, friends, and relatives are all welcome to the MRM Pageant but no fraternizing with boyfriends will be allowed at any time.

Parents and relatives are responsible for obtaining all necessary tickets to the pageant, rodeo, or any activity venues. Family must not interfere with pageant activities or board members at any time.

All pageant grievance or complaints can be referred to the board within two hours of a problem or incident. The MRM Board of Directors has full authority over the pageant and any decision they make regarding rule and participation is final.

Grievances

A pageant grievance committee will consist of 5 members: The MRM President, MRM National Director, (2) MRM Board Member, and MRM Pageant Director. These grievance committee members will be available throughout the entire pageant. The MRM President will be the contact and spokesperson for the committee.

A grievance is defined by the dictionary is:

1. A cause of distress giving reason for complaint
2. An actual or supposed circumstance regarded as just cause for protest
3. A complaint or protestation based on such a circumstance
4. Indignation or resentment stemming from a feeling of being wronged

And grievance must be filed by the **CONTESTANT** to be a valid grievance. No grievance from parents, guardians, trainers, family or third party will be acknowledged. The grievance must be: hand written, signed, and delivered to the MRM President. This must be filed within 2 hours of the event being protested. Any grievance must address a **single event**. When the MRM President receives the grievance from the contestant, the grievance committee will then make a decision whether to act upon, reject or disregard the grievance.

The grievance committee and contestant with a concern will not discuss the grievance with anyone, including parents, other contestants, judges etc.

The Grievance Committee will interview all parties involved.

The Grievance Committee must come to a majority vote decision.

The Pageant will continue as scheduled until decisions have been made.

No grievances may be based solely on the scoring by judges.

The Grievance Committee must make a decision based on facts. They must be certain, without a doubt, that the misconduct or misrepresentation by the implicated was intentional or that there was an infraction of a rule.

If the committee feels the grievance needs to be acted upon, they will take the complaint to the Executive Board and/or head judge of the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant.

The Executive Board's decision is **FINAL**.

Judging Guidelines

Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant will be judged in three main categories: Horsemanship, personality, and appearance. The scores from a contestant's public speaking, interviews, current event questions, horsemanship/rodeo knowledge questions, fashion show presentation, knowledge, etc, will be combined for the contestants overall score. All judges will judge all categories of the pageant and all judges scores will be used. Contestants must also complete a written test.

Judges are selected for their expertise in all field of commotion, They should be experienced western horsewomen or horsemen, who are accustomed to judging horse events. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, and they should be knowledgeable about the sport of Professional Rodeo.

Judging will begin when the entry is received and continue throughout the pageant. Finished score sheets will be done one ink, collected by the National Director or Pageant Coordinator. When judging in all divisions has been completed the scores will be totaled to determine who has scored the highest in each category and in the overall scores. The highest overall score will be Miss Rodeo Missouri; second highest will be first runner up.

In the event of a tie in the event of: Appearance, personality, horsemanship and public speaking will be broken by referring back tot he of Judge #1. That Score will break the tie.If a tie still remains, the score of Judge #2 will be used, and so on until the tie is broken. A tie for scoring for Miss Rodeo Missouri and (First Runner-Up) will be broken by the horsemanship scores. The contestant with he highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

Horsemanship

The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

Horsemanship-to include control of mount and the way she handles any situation which may occur.

Balance-Ability to sit a saddle.

Positions of hands, feet and seat.

Mounting and dismounting.

Confidence, appearance, and awareness of the audience.

1. Due to the differences and unpredictability of each horse the effort and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse.
2. Horsemanship will consist of two go-rounds, as well as carrying a flag and a queen's wave.
3. Each contestant will be required to provide her own horse and tack. The contestant will draw for the order in which she competes. Patterns can be found in the handbook. The contestant may be required to dismount and remount or change the pattern as so designated by the judges. The patterns should be set by the reigning titleholder, if possible.
4. Each contestant will provide her own horse which she will ride for the rodeo performance. Contestants will be required to bring their own bridle, blankets and saddle, which will be used in the rodeo performance. Contestants will be allowed only one horse during the rodeo performance/competition. **AT NO TIME WILL RIDING WITH TWO HANDS BE PERMITTED.** Spurs are allowed during horsemanship when riding individuals own horse and possible at the rodeo performance.
5. A 10-minute horsemanship interview will also be included in the horsemanship scores. Contestants may be asked questions about equestrian science, Miss Rodeo America, rodeo knowledge, PRCA, etc.

Personality

The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Intelligence-good common sense
2. Knowledgeable
3. Attractiveness-not necessarily to mean beauty in this sense, but rather the contestant radiates self-confidence. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
4. Genuine interest in other people in the pageant and in rodeo, and a noticeable consideration of others.
5. Ability to project one's personality whether it be from horseback in the arena, on television, or before an audience.
6. Positive outlook on life in general
7. Sense of Humor/Outlook
8. Conversational ability
9. Ability to think on one's feet
10. Professionalism

Appearance

The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness
2. Well groomed
3. Poise, posture, and lady-like behavior
4. Photogenic quality
5. Knowledge of proper western attire to include:
 - a. Color coordination and proper fit
 - b. Crease and shape of hat
 - c. Dresses, skirts, and blouses should reflect a western image.
 - d. Follows clothing requirements
 - e. Knowledge of current trends in western wear manufacturing.

Public Speaking

The purpose of this judged division is to select the contestant who rates highest in public speaking.

1. Each contestant is required to give an extemporaneous speech on a topic provided. Contestants will be given a 90 second time limit. No props will be allowed. 10 minutes will be given to write the speech.
2. Public Speaking will be judged on content, delivery, appearance, and personality as one public speaking score
3. Organization and subject relevance to required topic.
4. Use of microphone
5. Enunciation and grammar
6. Eye contact and projection to audience
7. Initiative/Flair

Modeling

Contestants will participate in at least one fashion show and may model their own clothing. Judging criteria includes:

1. Personality
2. Appearance
3. Creativity
4. Initiative/Flair
5. Stage Presence
6. Proper Presentation
7. Self Confidence

Personal Interviews

Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges for approximately 10 minutes. Judging criteria includes:

1. Each contestant is required to participate in an individual interview with the judges.
2. Appearance and personality will be judged during this time.
3. Questions are to help judges to get to know the contestants on a more personal level and could include questions about their lives, current events, their opinions, etc.

Media Interviews

Each contestant will complete a media interview that will be recorded and played back for the judges later. This interview may also be posted on Miss Rodeo Missouri social media platforms. All contestants will answer the same questions. Judging criteria includes:

1. Appearance
2. Knowledge
3. Personality

Extemporaneous Speaking

Questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo and/or their personality. Judging criteria includes:

1. Ability to answer the question
2. Delivery
3. Knowledge
4. Enunciation
5. Appearance
6. Personality:
 - a. Ability to relate to the audience
 - b. Sense of humor

Titleholder Rules

1. The titleholder of Miss Rodeo Missouri must be willing to enter into a contract with the Miss Rodeo Missouri Pageant Inc. and Board of Directors and be willing to compete in subsequent years Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
2. The winner of MRM and MTRM may not compete in any other pageants during her reign except Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
3. Titleholders must be willing and able to participate in PRCA rodeo appearances and other special events as requested throughout her reign.
4. Title winners must understand that if they win the title, they are responsible for funding their own expenses including travel, wardrobe, etc. The MRM Pageant Inc. will provide assistance with fundraisers to help MRM raise the funds. Every dollar will go through the Board of Directors Treasurer and be allocated directly or indirectly as needed to the titleholder.
5. Miss Rodeo Missouri will be required to make a minimum of one social media post to the MRM Facebook page every week. Miss Rodeo Missouri may also post to other social media sites with permission of Organization.
6. Miss Rodeo Missouri's personal social media page(s) may still be maintained but under close discretion of the MRM Board at all times. There will be no inappropriate status updates, photos, relationships, friendships, or other unacceptable social media behavior at any time. The title of Miss Rodeo Missouri can be revoked due to violation of social media behavior by review of the board of directors. Miss Rodeo Missouri will adhere strictly to the guidelines set forth by the board in according to Social Media rules. There will be no exceptions made under any circumstances. On the official MRM Facebook page, you are to make regular posts, keep the public informed of your travels, and keep a good working relationship with your audience to promote not only yourself but the pageant as well.
7. Miss Rodeo Missouri agrees that as Miss Rodeo Missouri, she will dress appropriately in western apparel, complete with crown and banner, or pin, at all public appearances, and be properly groomed.

8. Miss Rodeo Missouri must get prior approval of all wardrobe selections by a designated member of MRM board for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant and shall have all wardrobe finalized by October 1st of pageant year. Wardrobe will be displayed at MRM send-off fashion show fundraiser in October or November.
9. The MRM Board shall help appoint and work with MRM in finding appropriate coaches for her preparation for the MRAP. Areas to be covered in pageant preparation should include public speaking, modeling, horsemanship, and interview. Coaching and proper pageant preparation is mandatory starting 6 months before the official check in date of MRAP. Scrapbook and all wardrobe selections must be completely finalized by October 1st.
10. There will be no visible tattoos, body piercings, if so they must be covered or removed.
- 11 . MRM is required to communicate with the National Director and Board of Directors and mandatory response is required within 48 hours of initial contact.