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Rich in history and western tradition, the Miss Rodeo America organization relies on its volunteer membership, enriched with talent and determination, to maintain the integrity and continued success of Miss Rodeo America.

The Miss Rodeo America competition exists for the purpose of selecting a young lady to serve as an official spokesperson for the sport of professional rodeo, educating the public and creating awareness about the sport, its sponsors and its opportunities.

In addition to conducting the annual competition, the organization administers the scholarship program. Providing educational opportunities to young ladies competing in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant is a major focus of the organization. We have a rich tradition and distinguished alumni of past Miss Rodeo Americas, many who continue to contribute to the organization, the sport of professional rodeo and our western lifestyle, long after their reign.

Miss Rodeo Nevada

Miss Rodeo Nevada , hereinafter referred to as MRN, symbolizes the youth of our state who wish to further promote the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, promote our western heritage. She will represent our state and the sport of rodeo as she travels throughout Nevada and the country. While spreading good will for her community and her state, she is enjoying one of the richest experiences of her life, and is laying a solid foundation for her future.

The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant is held annually to select a young lady who will represent the State of Nevada in the Miss Rodeo America pageant held every year in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Committee is responsible for the ceremonies and activities necessary to select the titleholder. The committee also offers direction, support and assistance to Miss Rodeo Nevada during her reign.

Contestants shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth by the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Committee, the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association and the Miss Rodeo America, Inc.. Breaking any eligibility rules and or regulations will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause forfeiture of any prizes and/or titles.

Miss Rodeo Nevada is responsible to carry the title proudly; fulfilling duties assigned by the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association and the Miss Rodeo America Organizations to the best of her ability.

The Miss Rodeo Nevada Association reserves the right to exercise its governing power where questions may arise throughout the year.

GENERAL RULES

Eligibility

Miss Rodeo Nevada Competition must have no less than two (2) eligible contestants registered by the deadline or the pageant will not be held.

- 1) Contestants must not be less than 19 years of age and not more than 26 years of age at the time she would compete for the title of Miss Rodeo America. Birth certificate may be required.
- 2) Contestants must be a permanent resident of the State of Nevada for a period for at least six months prior to the pageant. MRN Elect must maintain that residency throughout her MRN reign. This will be verified by a copy of contestants valid Nevada Drivers License issued at least 6 months prior to pageant date; or other current proof of residency..
- 3) Contestant must have a high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school education.
- 4) Contestant may be a full time student attending a University or College in the state. Contestants may be asked to show proof of college registration documents and Nevada state residency that meets the requirements of eligibility #2.
- 5) Residents attending college out of state may be allowed to compete. If contestant is selected as Miss Rodeo Nevada, at the end of school term of which contest is being held, contestant must live in the state of Nevada during her reign.
- 6) Must be a natural born female.
- 7) Contestants must not be cohabiting with a boyfriend or member of the opposite sex (excluding relatives and/or college/work related roommates) during her reign.
- 8) Contestants must be single and never have been married or had a marriage annulled.
- 9) Must not be a parent or ever have been a parent. Must never have been pregnant.
- 10) Contestant must not have been a previous MRN or any other state's "Miss Rodeo" title holder. Contestant must not hold any other state title for any pageant, or competed or previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
- 11) If the contestant holds another title which has not expired prior to assuming the responsibilities as MRN, consideration must be made to the Nevada Crown, banner and other trappings.
- 12) Failure to complete reign as MRN or failure to compete in MRA pageant shall obligate the contestant to reimburse the MRN and sponsors for all monies and items won and/or received as MRN.
- 13) A Miss Rodeo Nevada titleholder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Committee/Association.

- 14) The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Committee/Association, by majority vote, has the right to refuse any contestant's application. If a contestant is refused entry into the contest, there will be no appeal process.
- 15) Contestant must execute and provide all consents, waivers, agreements, documentation and/or code of conduct as presented as conditions on the due date of application and as detailed in the application packet. MRN Pageant Committee/Association reserves the right to disqualify any contestant for rule infractions.
- 16) Contestant must not have been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor excluding minor traffic offenses.
- 17) Contestant is of good moral character and has never committed or involved in an act of moral turpitude, nor had a title removed for any reason.
- 18) Contestant must not have engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to contestant's reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association (any concerns about the applicability of this provision should be discussed with a representative of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association prior to signing the form).

Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to Compete in the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, use inappropriate language or participate in inappropriate internet or social networking behavior at any time during the pageant or during her reign if chosen as the titleholder.
2. Miss Rodeo Nevada is permitted to blog about travels and experiences as Miss Rodeo Nevada and the blog will be monitored by the Media Director or other person designated by the MRN Association. In addition, the Miss Rodeo Nevada may have a Miss Rodeo Nevada 2012 Facebook and/or other social media account that the Media Director (or other person designated by Pageant Association) has access to. These pages will be updated on a regular basis. MRN shall abide by the guidelines set forth by the Media Director.
3. Each contestant is required to submit a **NON-Refundable** \$300 entry fee with her application. Checks should be made payable to the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association. If a check does not clear processing, there will be only one additional attempt to collect funds.
4. Contestants may not participate in Clark County Fair and Rodeo activities or events during the pageant – other than as a Miss Rodeo Nevada Contestant.

5. Contestants will be provided transportation to and from the pageant activities. Contestants are required to attend the Pageant Orientation and will provide their own transportation to the host hotel on the first day of the pageant. Orientation may consist of the following:
 - a) An opportunity to meet the contestants, their parents and the MRN Board of Directors.
 - b) A description of pageant activities with the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about those activities.
 - c) Drawing for the order of the contestant's appearances in all pageant activities.
6. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the wardrobe guidelines & dress code. Each contestant should have at least one complete western dress outfit, one complete horsemanship outfit (as outlined under horsemanship) and one complete coronation outfit. Additional information is available in the wardrobe guideline and it is up to the contestant as to how many outfits she brings.
7. All contestants must submit all required documents, pictures, and application by the due date on the application.
8. Contestants must have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions required and submitted on due date.
9. Each contestant must sell a minimum of \$100 in raffle tickets.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner and portray good moral standards. Actions of un-sportsmanship conduct will not be tolerated.
2. Each contestant must supply the MRN Pageant Committee with one 5x7" color photo and a CD with the photo saved as a JPG on it. Photo must be head and shoulder pose (no action) in western attire. Western attire will include western blouse, suit or dress, hat and accessories. It is the responsibility of the contestant to arrange their photo session and to submit photos on time with their application. The photos will be used for publicity purposes and the MRN Pageant Committee/Association cannot guarantee their return and will not be responsible for the expense to replace them. Please label the back of the photo with the contestant's name and hometown.
3. Each contestant must execute a MRN Contract and a Fundraising Agreement, as well as any other requested documents (Medical Information, driver's license, etc.), noted on each contestant's application and must be submitted with each contestant's application by due date.
4. Contestants and individuals related to a contestant may not contact judges before, during, or after the pageant in order to influence or harass. Action of this type can result in disqualification of the contestant at the discretion of the MRN Pageant Committee/Association. Any contact with contestant must be through chaperone.

5. Contestants will be provided horses and tack necessary for the horsemanship competition of the pageant. **The Horsemanship Release Form in the packet MUST be signed and notarized and must be received by due date.**
6. Contestants may not leave the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant until after awards are presented at the coronation ceremony. The pageant is not officially over until contestants have checked out with the designated MRN Director. Until checked out, all contestants must abide by pageant rules. Failure to comply with this provision could jeopardize future eligibility, current runner-up status and/or awards.
7. The possession of and/or use of any electronic devices such as cell phones, PDA devices, laptop computers, and/or any devices with internet capabilities are strictly prohibited by contestants during the competition. In case of emergency, all inquiries must go through the head chaperone.
8. Contestants will be responsible for writing their own biography for the pageant program.
9. Contestant's rooms will be assigned by the MRN Pageant Committee/Association.
10. Judges will be selected by the MRN Pageant Committee/Association.
11. The pageant will be judged by no more than four, or less than three judges.

TITLE HOLDER RULES

- 1) The Miss Rodeo Nevada winner must be willing to enter into a contract with the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association and be willing and able to compete in the subsequent year's Miss Rodeo America's Pageant.
- 2) The winner of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant may not compete in other pageants during the year of her reign except Miss Rodeo America.
- 3) Miss Rodeo Nevada must be willing and able to participate in PRCA rodeo appearances and other special events as requested by the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association.
- 4) Title winners must understand that if they win the title, the funding for expenses including non-required travel and wardrobe will be their responsibility. The Miss Rodeo Nevada Association is continually soliciting sponsorship to help, but it is still the primary responsibility of the winner to fund her reign through personal fundraisers and sponsor solicitation. MRN Association will pay all required travel expenses. Anything else will be contestant responsibility. (NOTE: Every dollar that is raised by the Association and the contestant/Queen ultimately goes to the queen – either directly or indirectly via MRA entry fee, MRA Program Ad, official photographs, business cards, stationary, etc.)

- 5) The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Committee reserves the right to alter any rule and has the sole authority over any rule discrepancy. If any rules are altered, contestants will be notified that changes have been made prior to the start of the competition.
- 6) The Miss Rodeo Nevada winner will submit her speech that is to be given at MRA, to a designated speech coach via email by July 15 of the pageant year. Speech coach and MRN will submit speech to State Director for final approval. Final approved speech will be forward to a Professional speech coach, (which will be chosen by Association), where final adjustments will be made. Queen will meet with Professional speech coach for training during months of July & August. Speech will be ready for presentation by September 1st of the pageant year.
- 7) Finalized MRA speech will be delivered in public forums a minimum of 10 times prior to December 1 of the pageant year. Public forums suggested, but not limited to: Rotary clubs, Toastmasters, Club Meetings, fund raisers, social gatherings, business meetings or professional organizations. An itinerary to be established and followed.
- 8) Modeling lessons will be mandatory, and made readily available. Any costs to be borne by the Association.
- 9) As MRN, you will be required to ride with and take lessons from designated Riding Directors/Coaches or anyone that the Association arranges time with to better prepare you for the Horsemanship competition at MRA. You will be required to ride as many different horses as possible over the course of your preparation for MRA.
- 10) MRN will work continually with the Association Director designated to monitor appearance compliance. All wardrobe items MUST be approved by the assigned Director. Once the MRA wardrobe has been determined, there will be no changes or deviations.
- 11) Stringent guidelines will be adhered to in reference to hair, makeup and wardrobe. Hair must be curled/styled. It is the intent to have the young lady that is the winner to always present herself as she presented during the pageant - (fyi: Also the expectations of MRA). It is NOT the intention to have a girl curl their hair 4 or 5 times a day, but to start in the morning with the tight curls, and as the hair relaxes through the day, some semblance of original hair condition will be evident. Hair will not be of multiple colors. Highlights of natural color are acceptable, but to be approved by Association or assigned Director prior to public appearances (no green, purple, etc). And with that being said, no extreme natural color highlights - platinum in black, etc. If you normally wear your hair in tight curls, we expect to see you in tight curls throughout your reign. If you wear your hair moderately curled, this is the look we expect to see throughout your reign. At no time will straight hair be acceptable.
- 12) Travel wardrobe guidelines will be established and all outfits approved prior to travel to both in State and out of State appearances. You are always under the microscope as MRN and must ALWAYS dress appropriately. Your job to represent MRN begins the moment you leave your front door until you walk back into it on your return home.

- 13) There will be no visible tattoos displayed in person or on any social media. If you do have tattoos, they must be covered at all times.
- 14) MRN will develop a scrap book from the onset of her reign. MRN Association provides MRN a hand tooled leather scrapbook for this purpose. There will be no electronic development as a finished product. It is suggested that someone else be designated to assume this role, as it can be very time consuming. The scrapbook will be presented at all fund raisers and send off parties, and will be completed prior to the first send off party of the MRA pageant year.
- 15) The Miss Rodeo Nevada Association may add, alter or delete rules as we deem necessary throughout the year. MRN elect will be required to follow our rules and changes as they may occur. Any changes will be accomplished by a written addendum, signed by MRN and acknowledged as received.
- 16) MRN is REQUIRED to communicate with the Nevada National Director and Directors. This may be accomplished via e-mail and telephonic transmissions. Any written correspondence is to be responded to within a reasonable amount of time. Mandatory response is required within a 24 hour time period.
- 17) As MRN, you are responsible for meeting all deadlines and requirements as set by the MRN Association. The Communications Director requires a monthly status report, identifying your travels, photos and appearances, no later than the 5th of each month. You are responsible to submit to the Communications Director and National Director a blog of these same travels, photos and appearances that are posted on MRN website and Facebook page. Compliance is mandatory.
- 18) Your personal Facebook page will be allowed, but will be closely monitored by the Nevada National Director. It is mandatory that access be allowed to this account by "friending" her. There will be no "relationship" status posted at anytime. If at any time you are asked to remove or modify any posting, this will be done **immediately and without question**.
- 19) During the reign of MRN, there will be no visible sign of engagement ring, promise ring or other paraphernalia to indicate anything other than a single status.
- 20) Preparation for MRA is extensive and will require a great deal of time and effort on your part. You may find that working full time and going to school full time is not an option. Be prepared to scale back one or both activities.

PAGEANT DIVISIONS

There will be four (4) divisions for judging:

- Horsemanship
- Appearance
- Personality
- Knowledge.

In addition the scores from speech, photogenic, interview(s), impromptu questions, modeling and public appearances will be added. Awards will be given to the girl scoring highest in Horsemanship, Appearance, Personality, Knowledge, Speech, and Photogenic. The categories of Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance and Knowledge will not necessarily receive equal points.

The overall winner will be crowned Miss Rodeo Nevada with the next highest scoring individual receiving First Runner-up. Other awards may also be awarded, including but not limited to Congeniality and/or Cari Carlson Spirit Award.

HORSEMANSHIP:

General Rules:

- 1) The reigning MRN will demonstrate the pattern chosen by the judges.
- 2) Contestants will be provided horses and western style saddle.
- 3) There will be two go-rounds of competition, with the order drawn and announced at Orientation. Contestants will ride a different horse for each round of horsemanship competition. Every element of the horsemanship portion of the competition will be scored regardless of execution of set pattern. Failure to execute the set pattern will not constitute disqualification of contestant.
- 4) The second go round of competition may consist of a 2-minute impromptu pattern (freestyle), where specific horsemanship elements are requested, but no order or specific pattern is determined for the contestant prior to their performance. Judges will ascertain if all requirements are met.
- 5) Contestants will ride with the tack provided. Any changes required will be determined by the judges. Judges will review tack during the warm-up period & determine suitability of tack to contestant.
- 6) Contestants will not wear spurs or chaps.
- 7) Contestants must make sure their hats stay securely on their heads. Failure to do so will result in severe point penalties.

- 8) Judges may elect to require the contestants to perform any other horsemanship related task they deem relevant.
- 9) Should an unfair situation occur, at no fault of the contestant, a re-ride will be granted. Re-rides are at the sole discretion of the judges.
- 10) Judges have the right to ask contestants questions during the horsemanship competition. Judges may talk to contestants, or ask horsemanship questions in the arena, during horsemanship interview, on stage during public appearances and/or during interviews.
- 11) Contestants may be asked to carry a flag.

Other considerations in Horsemanship include, but are not limited to the following:

(Contestants may be asked to ride on the rail at a walk, trot and lope in both directions as part of this contest. Other arena work may be requested at the discretion of the MRN Directors and/or judges.

Horsemanship competition allows the contestants to showcase their riding ability:

- 1) Including control of mount, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled.
- 2) Balance, ability, and position of hands, feet, and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
- 3) Precise execution of patterns and understanding the leads.
- 4) Mounting and dismounting.
- 5) Confidence, appearance and awareness of audience.
- 6) Presentation ride (Queens Run/Wave).
- 7) Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science.
- 8) The following categories may be used for horsemanship interview topics: Knowledge of tack, horse science (including feeding, grooming, and parts of the horse), professional rodeo, history of rodeo, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard rodeo events, championship rodeo standings, current rodeo issues as well as other horsemanship and rodeo topics deemed important by the judges and/or Committee.
- 9) Showmanship. How the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
- 10) The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse or equipment.

11) Contestants will ride with one hand on the reins.

Required attire for horsemanship is in the wardrobe guideline.

Judges may, at their discretion, deduct points if they see trainers and/or parents coaching contestants from the side.

APPEARANCE:

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

- 1) Attractiveness, charm and beauty.
- 2) Grooming: This should include meticulous care in neatness, cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, makeup, hair, hat, boots and other apparel and age appropriateness in all areas. Excessive Piercings are not permitted. Pierced earrings may be worn. No more than two (2) pair of earrings may be worn at anytime and NEVER above the ear lobe. This includes the year of reign also. Final determinate of appropriateness by MRN Pageant Committee.
- 3) Posture: This should include carrying oneself straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.
- 4) Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: This should include handling every type of situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.
- 5) Photogenic quality.
- 6) Western Fashion Sense: Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable and appropriate to western dress, with particular attention paid to color coordination. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination which enhance the contestant's personal features. Attention will be paid to suitability of the outfit to the occasion. No fashion boots, no cleavage, no braless, no short sleeves. NOTE: Wrangler is a National sponsor of the Miss Rodeo America, Inc. and as such is the only acceptable jeans during the MRN pageant and year of reign. **NOTE: No faded or torn jeans are acceptable at anytime!**
- 7) Miss Rodeo Nevada may not have any visible tattoos or facial piercings at any time during her reign.
- 8) Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure- flattering styles altered for a personal fit, if necessary. Properly fitted and shaped hats, which flatter the contestant's face, will be considered. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the contestant's ability to carry out a "total look", rather than an excessive amount of clothing.

- 9) Knowledge of western clothing: This includes the major western wear manufacturers, current and royalty fashion trends in western wear industry and western wear sponsors of professional rodeo.

NOTE: Additional information is available in the wardrobe guideline.

PERSONALITY:

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

- 1) Intelligence and common sense.
- 2) Education – knowledge of, and conversational ability in, varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
- 3) A sense of humor.
- 4) Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
- 5) Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
- 6) Self-projection – the ability to project one’s personality in any situation, whether from horseback or on stage, overall appearance, magnetism and eye appeal.
- 7) Positive outlook on life.
- 8) Genuine interest in other people and noticeable consideration of others.
- 9) Conversational ability.
- 10) Professionalism.
- 11) Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be penalized and or disqualified at the ASSOCIATIONS’ discretion.
- 12) Maturity.
- 13) Educational background and career goals.

KNOWLEDGE:

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

- 1) The ability to converse with confidence in all areas. Contestants should be well studied and understand all areas of rodeo events, and have the ability to discuss these areas with confidence.

- 2) Contestant must be able to define rodeo, rodeo events and terminology affiliated with rodeo.
- 3) Contestant must be well versed in current equine and other animal welfare issues.
- 4) Contestants should be very familiar with PRCA rules and PRCA notables, equine anatomy, equine ailments, equine tack, politics, MRA and PRCA sponsors.
- 5) Contestant must be aware and knowledgeable of current events concerning local, state and world communities.

SPEECH:

Speeches allow the judges to evaluate contestants' public speaking ability, poise, and confidence, correct use of grammar, creativity and personality. The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in public speaking.

- 1) Ability to communicate with an audience using appropriate and correct language as well as good grammar.
- 2) Ability to prepare and deliver speech without the use of props.
- 3) Self-projection on stage, including delivery, voice, manner and use of microphone.
- 4) Ability to present speech from memory.

SPEECH TOPIC – The State of Nevada or any aspect of the State and an Impromptu Speech Topic to be drawn for by contestant. Other considerations in Speech include:

- a) Speeches should be TWO minutes in length – no longer, no shorter. Deductions will be made if not adhered to.
- b) Speeches should be memorized. No props or visual aids will be allowed.
- c) Speeches will be judged on content, delivery, organization and relevancy to required topic.
- d) Impromptu speech to be no less than one minute or longer than two minutes. Topic of impromptu speech will be drawn for after impromptu questions have been asked. Impromptu subject will be given IMMEDIATELY after all questions have been asked of other contestants.

IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS

Questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo and/or current events, or other topics. Judging criteria may include:

- a) Ability to answer the question.
- b) Delivery
- c) Knowledge
- d) Enunciation
- e) Grammar
- f) Ability to relate to audience
- g) Sense of Humor

MODELING:

The modeling competition allows the judges to evaluate a contestant's sense of style, posture, poise, projection of self-confidence, grooming and knowledge of current rodeo royalty fashion trends. Contestants will participate in at least one fashion show. Judging criteria includes:

- a) Personality
- b) Appearance
- c) Creativity
- d) Initiative/flair
- e) Stage presence
- f) Proper Presentation
- g) Self Confidence

PHOTOGENICS:

- a) Each contestant must submit one 5 x 7 color photograph of herself with application and entry fee. Failure to submit required photograph with application and entry fee by deadline will lead to disqualification of the contestant. This picture will be used for promotional purposes and

may be displayed at other events during the pageant. Each contestant will be photographed prior to or at orientation for judging of photogenic quality.

- b) All photographs should be vertical head and shoulders (bust) shot.
- c) The contestant must be dressed in appropriate western attire, including a cowboy hat.
- d) Two photos will be taken by pageant photographer on site. Photos should be representative of the everyday likeness of the contestant.

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

- a) Photogenic quality including strength of character, personality and wholesome appearance.
- b) Judging criteria includes:
 - 1) Overall appearance
 - 2) Expression, Attitude
 - 3) Choice of Colors
 - 4) Eye contact with camera

WRITTEN TEST:

Contestants will be required to take a written test, which will consist of questions relating to the sport of rodeo. - PRCA, equine knowledge, sponsors/manufacturers, etc. The purpose of this test is to determine a contestant's knowledge of current events; tack; horses – including care, feeding, diseases and anatomy; horsemanship and rodeo terminology; animal rights issues and PRCA rules, sponsors, standings and contestants and Miss Rodeo America rules, etc.

- a) Absolutely no talking will be allowed during testing. Disregard for this rule will result in immediate disqualifications.
- b) The contestant will be provided a pen/pencil and should bring nothing with them to the test room.
- c) Contestants may request reasonable testing accommodations if needed. Requests should be sent to the National Director 30 days prior to the pageant. These requests will be kept confidential.

- d) Tests will be scored with the highest earning an award. Test score will be included in the total tabulation for MRN. Copies of tests may be presented to the judges for their reference.

CONGENIALITY:

Contestants may vote on the selection of Miss Congeniality. This award will not affect points earned in the Miss Rodeo Nevada Contest.

- a) This category is chosen by the contestants based on their own opinion of the most congenial contestant and will not affect the judges scoring of the previously listed categories or the selection of Miss Rodeo Nevada. An award for Congeniality may be presented.

CARI CARLSON SPIRIT AWARD:

This category is based on potential and dedication of a young lady to develop herself and become a leader in the sport of rodeo. Winning this award will not affect the judges scoring of the previously listed categories or the selection of Miss Rodeo Nevada. An award for Cari Carlson Spirit Award may be presented.

SCORING

Category Winners:

- a) Horsemanship
- b) Personality
- c) Appearance
- d) Knowledge
- e) Photogenic
- f) Speech
- g) Written Test

The total scores in those categories shall determine the category winners - Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance and Knowledge. Totals will not necessarily be equal.

- a) The contestant receiving the highest grand total score for the pageant shall be crowned Miss Rodeo Nevada.
- b) The contestant receiving the second highest grand total shall be first runner up.

- c) Ties for category winners will be broken by referring back to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used and so on until the tie is broken.
- d) Ties resulting in Photogenic and Speech will be broken by using the same method as category winners.
- e) A tie for Miss Rodeo Nevada will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e., the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking. No points will be added or subtracted to a contestants score.
- f) All judges' decisions are final.

Judges Scoring Options/Totals:

Judged Event	Personality	Appearance	Horsemanship	Knowledge And/or Presentation	Total Per Judge	Total per Contestant
Photogenic	10	40			50	150
Panel Interview	50	40		40	130	390
Impromptu Speech	45	10		60	115	345
Fremont Fashion Show Modeling	25	60		20	105	315
Fremont Speech	40	10		50	100	300
Horsemanship Pattern 1/Interview	20	40	120	30	210	630
Horsemanship Pattern 2/Panel Interview	20	20	110	50	200	600
Judges Overall Impression	20	20	20	20	80	240
TOTAL	230	240	250	270	990	2970
Creative Writing						50
Test						100

Wardrobe Guidelines:

- Each contestant should follow the Dress Code Guidelines.
- NO chaps, spurs, crowns or banners are to be worn during the pageant, other than those provided by the MRN Pageant Committee/ASSOCIATION.

General Information:

- **Parents, Friends and Relatives:** The MRN Pageant Committee/ASSOCIATION welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends, and relatives during the competition. No boyfriends will be permitted to fraternize with the contestants or to distract them.
- The MRN Pageant Committee/ASSOCIATION requests complete cooperation from these supporters during pageant activities. After the pageant begins, contestants cannot communicate with family or friends unless authorized by their chaperone. No parents will be allowed in the contestant' rooms during the pageant.
- At the judges' discretion, a contestant may receive point deductions of disqualification of an infraction of this rule.
- During the pageant, contestants will be **required** to be together as a group.
- At no time will parents, relatives or friends of the contestants interfere with the MRN Pageant Committee/Association or MRN Pageant Contestants.
- **Some Pageant activities are open only to Committee/Association, contestants and judges.** If parents, friends or relatives attend closed events, the contestant they support could be eliminated from the pageant at the Committee's discretion.
- **Only contestants will be allowed in the horsemanship area before and during the competition.** If not adhered to, points can be deducted, or disqualification at judge's discretion.
- Parents, friends and relatives are responsible for obtaining tickets for all Pageant events and a ticket order form will be included in the contestant packet.
- **Photographs:** Photographs taken of contestants during the pageant, by pageant personnel will become property of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association and may be used for publicity.
- **Sportsmanship:** The MRN Pageant Committee/Association expects each contestant to display good sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant, the sport of professional rodeo, the Miss Rodeo Nevada Association and Miss Rodeo America, Inc., as well as the State of Nevada. Unsportsmanlike conduct would result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant.

- **Chaperones and security:** The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Committee/Association will select qualified individuals to act as chaperones during the pageant activities. Upon commencement of the pageant, contestants are under the jurisdiction of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant for all activities.

GRIEVANCES:

- **Problems and Complaints:** Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Coordinator within ½ hour of a problem or incident per the Grievance Procedure Guidelines. The Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant Coordinator and Committee have full authority over the pageant and any decision they make regarding rules and participation is final.
- A grievance cannot be filed based on the outcome of the pageant.

Study Information:

The PRCA publishes a “Pro Rodeo Media Guide” and a bi-monthly newspaper

- “ProRodeo Sports News”. For information contact the PRCA at 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Co, 80919. Phone 719- 593-8840.
- Or visit their website at PRORODEO.COM.

Contestants should keep up with current rodeo events and news and will be expected to answer rodeo and the PRCA questions as part of the Pageant.