



Miss Rodeo Nevada
Lady-in-Waiting 2025
Rules and Regulations
August 1-3, 2024
South Point Hotel & Casino

MRNA reserves the right to modify or revise these rules at any time upon reasonable notice.

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General Rules of the Pageant

The MRNA Board of Directors will provide the Participant with a room during the duration of the Pageant that may or may not be a shared room with another. Meals will be provided to the Participant throughout the duration of the pageant.

1. Participant will be 21 years of age by November 1, 2025. Participant will be no older than 26 years of age as of December 31, 2025. Upon request, Participant will provide a copy of a government issued identification verifying age.
(birth certificate, driver's license, passport)
2. Residency Requirements
 - Participant is a United States Citizen _____ initial.
 - Participant has been a resident of the State of Nevada at least 3 months prior to the Application submission deadline of the Miss Rodeo Nevada 2025 Lady-in-Waiting Pageant. (June 24,2024) _____ initial.
 - Proof of Residency must include a valid Nevada Driver's License issue date no less than 3 months prior to the Application submission deadline of the pageant. (June 24,2024) _____ initial.
 - The participant has not competed in any other Miss Rodeo State pageant which is affiliated with the Miss Rodeo America, Inc. organization within 6 months prior to the Application submission deadline of the Miss Rodeo Nevada Pageant. _____ initial.
 - I will maintain my residency in the State of Nevada for the entirety of my reign including my reign as Miss Rodeo Nevada Lady-in-Waiting. _____ initial.
The Miss Rodeo Nevada Association reserves the right to alter these requirements.
3. Judges will be selected by the MRNA Board of Directors.
4. The pageant will be judged by no less than 3 judges.
5. All scoring will be turned over to a designated Pageant Auditor.
6. Participant is required to attend the Pageant orientation and will provide their own transportation to the host hotel on the first day of the pageant.
7. Participant will be provided transportation to and from pageant activities.
8. Participant must provide their own wardrobe and follow the wardrobe guidelines and dress code.
9. Participant will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use any tobacco, marijuana, illegal substances, inappropriate language or participate in inappropriate internet or social media networking behavior at any time during the pageant or during her reign if chosen as titleholder.
10. Participant must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner and portray integrity and ethical standards. Actions of un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the offender may be disqualified from the pageant with no refund.
11. Participant, and individuals related to a Participant, may not contact judges before, during or after the Pageant. Action of this type can result in disqualification of the Participant at

the discretion of the MRNA Board of Directors. Any contact with the Participant by anyone, must be through the chaperone.

12. Participant may not leave the MRN Pageant until the Participants have checked out with the designated MRN Board of Director Member. Until check out, Participants must abide by all Pageant rules. Failure to comply with this provision could jeopardize future eligibility, current runner-up status and or awards.
13. The possession of and or use of any electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops computers, and or any devices with internet capabilities are strictly prohibited by Participants during the competition. In case of emergency, all inquiries must go through the chaperone.
14. The MRNA Board of Directors reserves the right to alter any rule and has the sole authority over any rule discrepancy. If rules are altered, Participants will be notified that changes have been made as soon as possible.
15. If a Participant fails to arrive on time for any Pageant event, she may be penalized and or disqualified at the MRNA Board of Director's discretion.
16. No more than (1) one pair of earrings may be worn at any time and never above the earlobe. There will be no visible body piercings at any time.
17. There will be no visible tattoos displayed at any time. If you do have tattoos, they must be always covered.
18. Additional information is available in the Wardrobe Guidelines.

I understand and agree to abide by these pageant rules.

Signature

Date

Pageant Divisions

There are 4 judged Pageant divisions with the explicit purpose to evaluate the Participant:

- Personality
- Appearance
- Horsemanship
- Knowledge

There will be a written test which will be scored by the auditor and is in its own category.

Personality

The judges will be looking for the following qualities when scoring the Personality portion of the Pageant.

1. Intelligence and common sense.
2. Ability to converse in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, sincerity, and integrity.
5. Positive outlook on life.
6. Genuine interest in other people and noticeable consideration of others.
7. Professionalism.
8. Promptness and cooperation.
9. Maturity.

Appearance

The judges will be looking for the following qualities when scoring the Appearance portion of the Pageant.

1. Attractiveness, charm, radiates self- confidence and maturity.
2. Grooming: meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, make-up, hair.
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 situation with grace, style, and proper etiquette.
5. Photogenic quality
6. Western fashion sense. Participant should be aware of what is currently fashionable and trends in western wear industry and western wear sponsors of MRN, MRA, WPRA and the PRCA.
7. Proper fit of clothing. This includes figure-flattering styles altered for a personal fit. Properly fitted and shaped hats which flatter the Participant's face. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the Participant's ability to carry out a "total look". Attention will be paid to suitability of the outfit to the judged event.

Horsemanship

The judges will be looking for the following skills when scoring the Horsemanship portion of the Pageant.

1. 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 leads.
4. Mounting and dismounting.
5. Confidence, appearance, and awareness of audience.
6. Presentation ride (Queen run/wave)
7. Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science.
8. Participant's ability to project her personality to the audience from horseback.

General Rules of Horsemanship

1. The understanding and skill of the Participant will be judged and **not the horse or the equipment.**
2. Participant will be provided horses and western style saddle and tack by the Association.
3. Participant will ride with the tack provided. Any changes required will be determined by the judges. Judges will review tack during the warm -up period and determine suitability of tack to Participant.
4. Participant will not wear spurs or chaps.
5. Participant must make sure their hats stay securely on their heads.
6. Judges may require the Participant to perform any other horsemanship related task they deem relevant.
7. Re-rides are at the sole discretion of the judges.
8. Judges have the right to ask Participant questions during the Horsemanship Competition. Judges may talk to Participant or ask horsemanship questions in the arena, on stage, during public appearances and or during interviews.
9. Participants will ride with one hand on the reins.
10. Participant may be asked to carry a flag.
11. Required attire for Horsemanship is in the Wardrobe Guidelines.
12. Other arena work may be requested at the discretion of the MRNA Board of Directors and or judges.
13. The following categories may be used for the Horsemanship Interview topics:
 - Knowledge of tack, horse science including feeding, grooming, and parts of the horse.
 - PRCA, WPRA rodeo knowledge, history of rodeo, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard rodeo events, championship rodeo standings, current rodeo issues and well as other horsemanship and rodeo topics deemed important by the judges and or MRNA Board of Directors.

Rounds of Competition

There will be two (2) rounds of competition. Prior to the start of the competition, the order of the Participants and horses will be drawn by the Pageant Auditor. No Participant will ride the same horse twice. All horses will be warmed up by the Horsemanship committee and the current titleholder. **ONLY** Pageant personnel, judges, horse owners, and participants are allowed in the warm - up area. **NO PARENTS or spectators** are allowed in the warm- up area. Every element of the Horsemanship portion of the Pageant will be scored regardless of the execution of the set pattern. Failure to execute the set pattern will not constitute disqualification of Participant.

Round one

The first round will consist of riding one of the 3 patterns provided in the Rules and Regulations, chosen by the judges. The Participants will be notified of which pattern was chosen prior to the Horsemanship Competition. The pattern chosen by the judges will be set/demonstrated by a designated rider at the beginning of the competition.

Round two

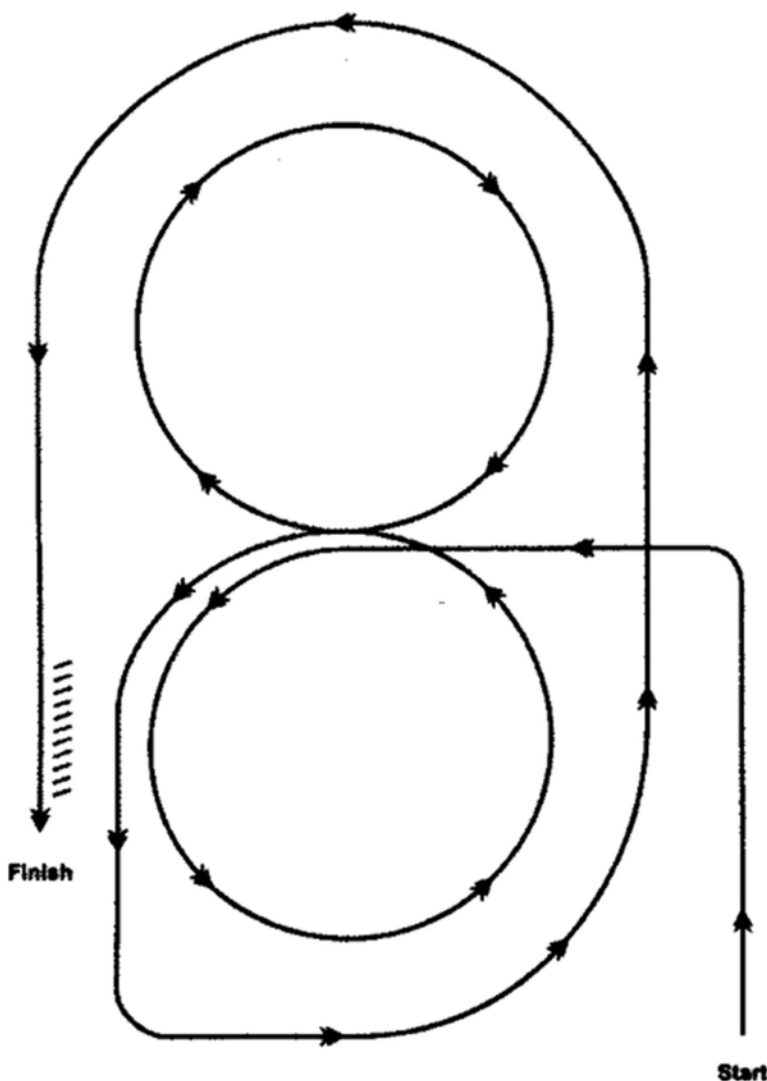
The second round will be a 1 ½ minute freestyle pattern. Time starts when the shoulder of the horse crosses the plane of the gate. The pattern must include, but not limited to the following 4 elements **in any order**.

- **Lead change.**
- **Presentation run.**
- **Back**
- **Stop**

There will be a warning when 30 seconds remain on the clock. When the whistle blows, the Participant must exit the arena immediately.

Judges may, at their discretion, deduct points if they see or hear trainers and or parents coaching Participants.

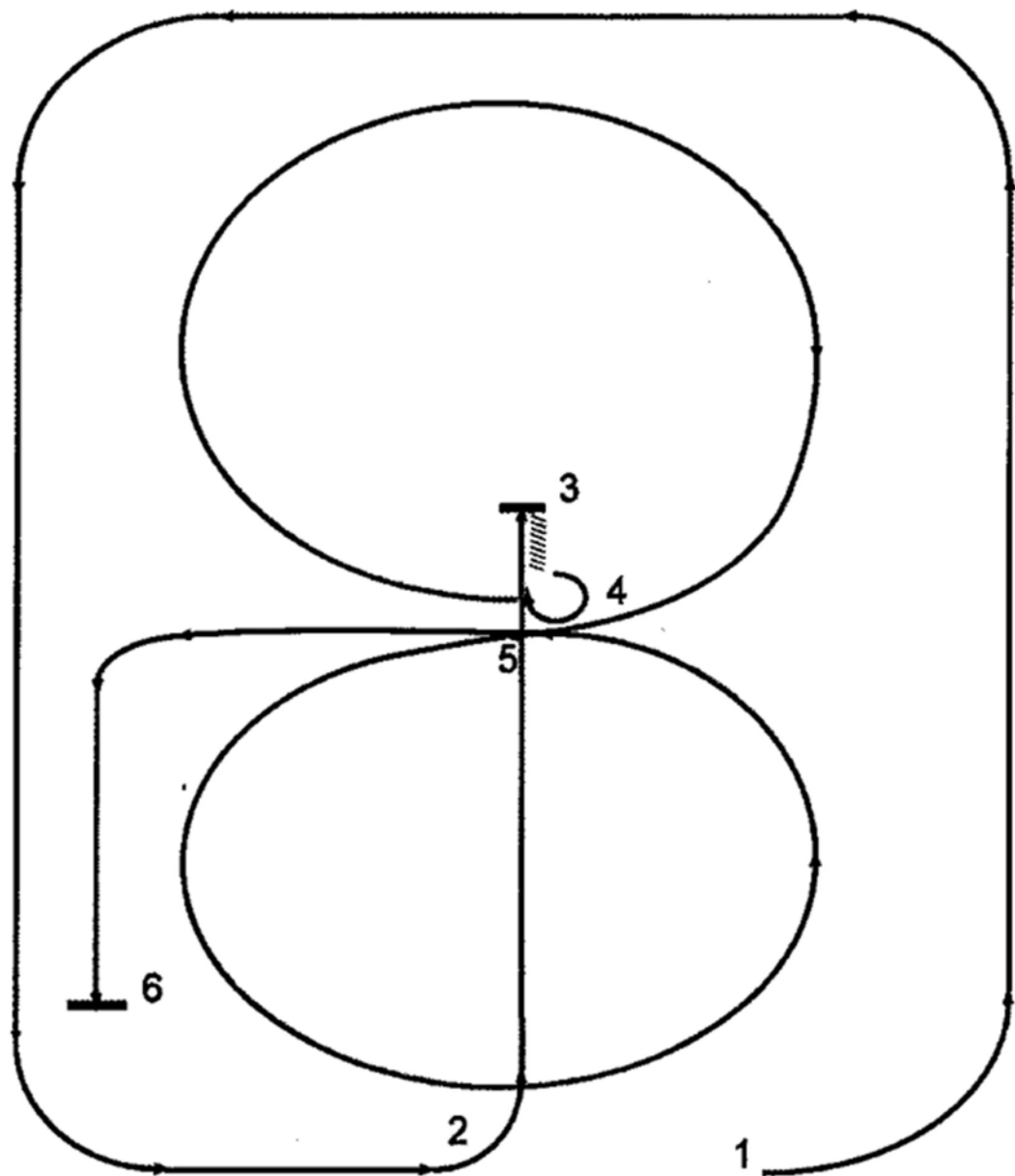
Pattern 1



Horsemanship Pattern 1:

1. Do extended jog along side of arena, then to center
2. Begin lope at center of arena and lope left circle on left lead
3. Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead
4. Change leads and continue loping around end of arena
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena
6. Stop and back
7. The Judges Committee reserves the right to make alterations and/or additions to this pattern.

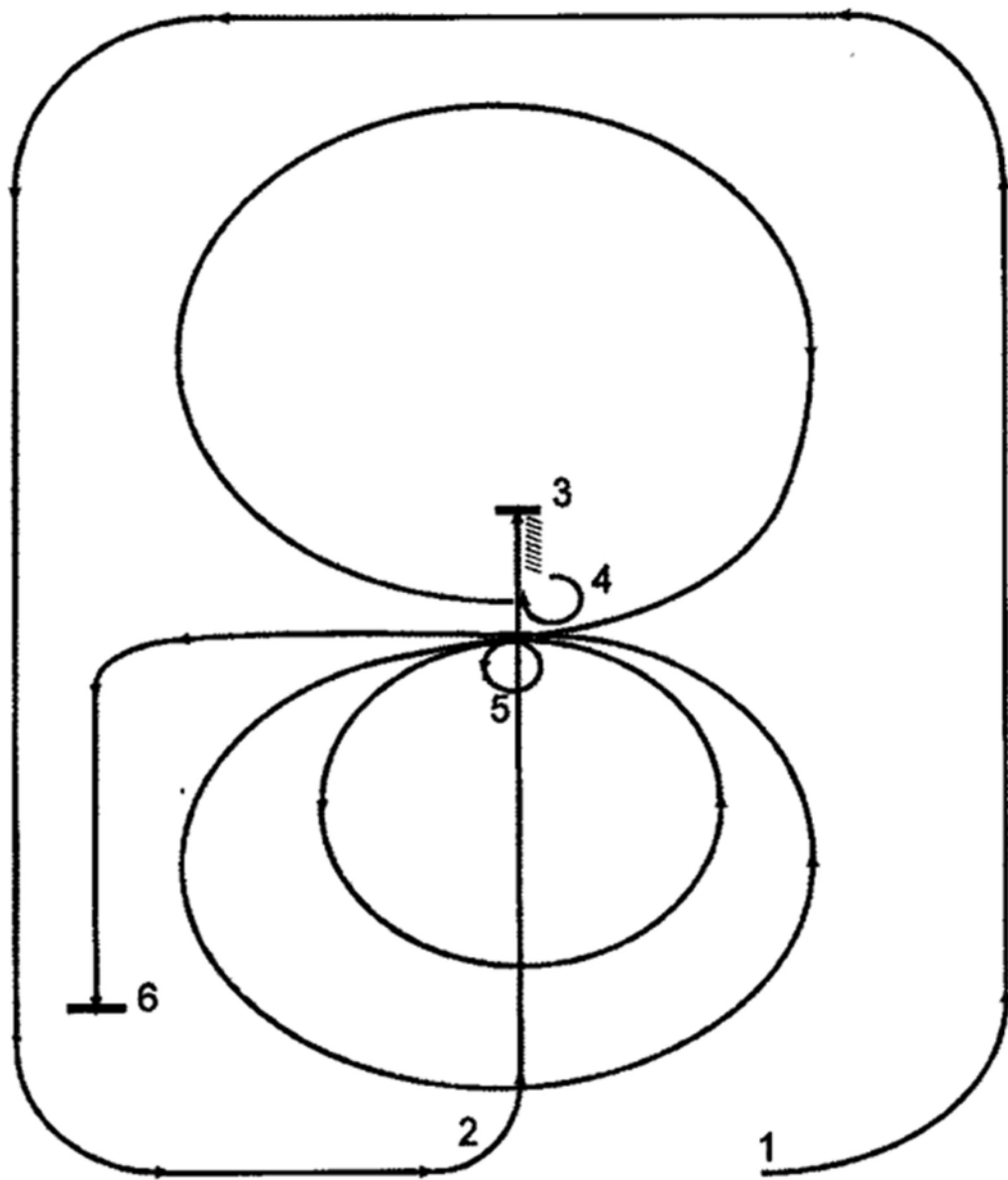
Pattern 2



Horsemanship Pattern 2:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Change leads and lope a circle, to the left, with moderate speed. After completing the circle, continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

Pattern 3



Horsemanship Pattern 3:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360 degree turn, to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

Knowledge

The judges will be looking for the following qualities when scoring the Knowledge portion of the Pageant.

1. The ability to converse with confidence in all areas.
2. Knowledge of current PRCA and WPRA rules and notables, equine anatomy, equine ailments, equine tack, animal welfare issues and current MRNA, MRA, WPRA and PRCA sponsors.
3. Awareness and knowledge of current events concerning local, state and world communities.

Written Test

1. Absolutely no talking will be allowed during testing. Disregard for this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
2. The Participant will be provided a pen/pencil and should bring nothing with them to the test room.
3. Participants may request reasonable testing accommodations if needed. Requests must be sent to the National Director – Nevada no less than 30 days prior to the first day of the pageant. These requests will be kept confidential.
4. Test scores will be included in the total tabulation for MRN. Copies of the tests may be presented to the judges for their reference.

Judged Events

- Orientation
- Panel Interview
- Impromptu Speech
- Elegance Modeling
- Fashion Forward modeling
- Impromptu Question
- Round robin Interview
- Horsemanship #1
- Horsemanship #2
- Horsemanship Interview
- Written Test

Wardrobe Guidelines

1. Each Participant must follow the Wardrobe Guidelines.
2. No chaps, spurs, crowns or banners are to be worn during the Pageant, other than those provided by the MRNA Board of Directors.
3. The Official Wardrobe Guidelines will be emailed to each Participant upon verification and acceptance of their application.

I have read and understand the Pageant Divisions. _____ Initial

General Pageant Information

1. Parents, Friends and Relatives: The MRNA Board of Directors welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, family and friends during the Pageant. No one will be permitted to fraternize with the Participants or to distract them.
2. The MRNA Board of Directors requests complete cooperation from all supporters during Pageant activities. After the Pageant begins, Participants cannot communicate with supporters unless authorized by their chaperone. No supporters will be allowed in the Participant's rooms during the Pageant.
3. During the Pageant, all Participants are required to stay together as a group.
4. At no time will ANY attendee or supporter interfere with the MRNA Board of Directors, judges or Pageant Participants during the course of the Pageant.
5. Some Pageant activities are open only to MRNA Board members, Participants and judges. If attendees or supporters attend the closed events, the Participant they support could be eliminated from the Pageant at the MRNA Board of Director's discretion.
6. Only Participants, pageant personnel, judges and horse owners are allowed in the Horsemanship area before, during and after the Pageant competition. If not adhered to, points can be deducted or disqualified at the judge's discretion.
7. All Pageant attendees are responsible for obtaining tickets for all Pageant events and a ticket order form will be posted on our website prior to the Pageant.
8. Photographs: Photographs taken of Participants during the Pageant, by Pageant personnel will become property of the MRNA and may be used for publicity.
9. Only handheld cameras/recording devices may be used at any time during the Pageant. No tripods are allowed.
10. Sportsmanship: The MRNA Board of Directors expects each Participant to display good sportsmanship during the Pageant and following the Coronation. Each Participant should be mindful that they are representing the MRN 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 could result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the MRN Pageant.

Study Information: Suggestions for research, but not limited to the following –

ProRodeo Sports News – Can be found on the PSN website.

PRCA Media Guide – Can be found on the PRCA website. Prorodeo.com

Knowledge of current events.

Equine knowledge including care, feeding, diseases and anatomy.

MRN, MRA, PRCA, WPRA sponsors as stated on their websites.

Tack/horses/horsemanship.

Rodeo terminology.

Animal rights and welfare issues.

Participants will be expected to answer questions in interviews, the written test and on stage regarding the sport of rodeo, PRCA, WPRA and the AQHA as well as current events as part of the Pageant.