

Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo

Rules, Regulations, and Duties

Pageant Dates - Wednesday, May 10th, 2023– Modeling, Speeches, and Interviews
Thursday, May 11th, 2023 – Horsemanship Competition

Applications - Due by May 1st, at 6:30 pm. Entries may be turned in to the Fair Office or at the Mandatory meeting. Completed applications along with sponsor sheets and money are due at this time.

Informational Meeting – May 1st from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Arena.

You may bring your own headshot photo, with western hat and shirt for the program or we can take your picture at the meeting. Please be dressed in appropriate queening clothing for the photo. (Please keep in mind this will be the headshot used for the pageant).

General Information – Wednesday May 10th 6:00 pm – Modeling, Speeches & Interviews
– Jackson Hole Playhouse

Thursday May 11th 6:00 pm – Horsemanship
– Heritage Arena

For Additional Information – Please contact Amy Renova at (208) 705-2131 or the Fair Office at (307) 733-5289. Please don't hesitate to contact with any questions or concerns! We're here to help!

Parents and Relatives

The Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen committee encourages the presence of parents, relatives, and friends of the contestants. There will be opportunities for the contestants to visit with parents and relatives. However, all activities will be under the supervision of the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee and Pageant officials. At no time will parents, relatives or friends interfere with the committee's conduction of the pageant. There will be absolutely no coaching or training of either contestant or horse during the horsemanship competition. Any failure of parents, relatives, or friends to comply with the rules and regulations of the pageant will result in the proper action taken and possible disqualification of the contestant. All spectators must stay in the Designated Seating during the horsemanship (with the exception of the PeeWee

category, PeeWee Contestant will be allowed 1 designated parent/guardian to assist them in the warmup area). The Teton County Fair Board and Pageant Officials reserve the right to cancel or revise these rules and/ or pageant depending on the numbers of contestants.

Teton County Fair & Rodeo Pageant Rules & Regulations

1. Who is Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty?

Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty symbolize the youth of Teton County who wish to further promote the sport of rodeo and the great western way of life. They are the ideal, western type American girls who will represent their county, believe in our western heritage, and will work hard in promoting these values during their reign and travels.

2. What does it mean to be Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty?

While spreading good will for the community and the sport of rodeo, all Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty girls are garnering an experience in their life and laying a solid foundation for their future. The girls should constantly be aware of the value of public relations between the general public and those actively involved in rodeo, and of their responsibility to uphold their titles.

3. What type of young woman does the Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty competition attract?

- a. The young woman who wishes to be a leader in her community and further promote the western way of life.
- b. The young woman who loves horses and everything they represent and is willing to show the rest of the world what can be accomplished surrounded by this environment.
- c. The young woman who wants to act as an official representative of rodeo to the general public, has high moral and ethical character, and reflects careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety, enough to be able to explain and sell rodeo to anyone with whom she may come in contact with and be able to speak intelligently with dignity and sincere interest in rodeo. She should realize that the Teton County Fair and Rodeo Pageant is not a “beauty” pageant. However, she should act, speak, and dress according to the prestige and title she carries.

1. **Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen “Rules and Regulations”**

- a. **Eligibility:** Each contestant must not be less than 20 years of age or more than 26 years of age as of November 1 of the year of competition. Contestants shall never have been married or had a marriage annulled. If a contestant has been pregnant, or should become that way, she will immediately be disqualified. A contestant must be of good moral character. If she is conducting herself in an improper manner and/or way of life (i.e. co-habiting) she will be disqualified from the competition or her title taken away, whichever the case may be. She shall waive liability; be legal resident of Wyoming.
- b. **Application:** Applications should be turned in during the meeting at the Heritage Arena or to the Fair Office by 6:30 PM on May 1st. Each contestant is required to obtain sponsors from the community totaling at least \$125.00. The attached form should be filled out with sponsor information and returned with the money and Queen entry form. You also need to turn in a description of the western outfit you will wear for modeling. This description will be read during the modeling competition.
- c. **Judging:** Constants will be judged on (1) Appearance; (2) Speaking and Personality; (3) Horsemanship. The judges will seek sincerity, integrity, attractiveness, intelligence, high moral standards, and maturity.
- d. **Dress:** Each contestant must wear a fashionable western ensemble including western hat and boots and belt to the modeling & speeches and be prepared to model that outfit. For the horsemanship contest, contestants must wear plain black or blue jeans and a long sleeved, collared, and cuffed shirt. All contestants must wear boots, hat, and belt.
- e. **Horsemanship:** Each girl will be required to provide her own horse and equipment. Each contestant must come prepared to answer questions regarding rodeo, horses, tack etc.
- f. **Speech:** Each girl will be required to give a short speech (NO MORE THAN 3 minutes) on “WYOMING” or “YOURSELF & RODEO” You choose...BE CREATIVE!!!!
- g. **Judges Decisions:** In the event that there is only one contestant competing for Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen, it is the judge’s discretion whether that title shall be awarded. IT IS NOT A GIVEN!!!! The accumulated points may be a determining factor as to whether the title is deserved or not. **The judge’s decision is unconditionally conclusive and final!**
- h. **State Contest:** The Queen will be expected to represent Teton County in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Pageant held at the State Fair in Douglas in August. The Queen Attendant will be encouraged to attend this contest as an observer. The Teton County Fair Board will pay expenses to the contest for the Reigning Queen.
- i. **Awards:**
 - i. **Queen:** A total Queen Budget will be approved by the Teton County Fair Board each year and will include money towards a saddle which will be presented to the Queen provided she is going to represent Teton County at the State contest. Traveling awards include sashes, horse drape, traveling crown, sash pins and which will be presented to the Queen for use during her reign.

2. **Loss of Title and Benefits**

- a. During your reign as Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen you shall not have been previously married and/or, be pregnant.

- b. Be charged/convicted with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude.

3. Pageant Divisions

a. Appearance

- i. Attractiveness – this includes inner beauty.
- ii. Grooming – neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, hair, hats, boots, and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a girl to be considered for Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen.
- iii. Poise and posture – appropriate behavior in every situation.
- iv. Knowledge of proper western attire – contestants should be aware of what is fashionable western dress, with particular attention given to color coordination (how the use of various color combinations can enhance appearance and eye appeal). **This is not a clothing contest. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility, imagination, how a contestant's clothes fit and how they suit her personality.** The length of skirts, pants, and a good crease and hat shape are essential in the "total look". Evening gown and cocktail dresses are not acceptable.
- v. This is not a clothing contest; however, contestants are expected to be in "full western attire" at all times unless otherwise specified. This includes western dress, western skirt and blouse or jacket combination, or western jeans with western blouse and/or jacket. All outfits should include western hat, belt, and banner.

b. Personality

- i. Intelligence – Good common sense.
- ii. Education – Conversational ability in rodeo and other areas with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- iii. Attractiveness – Not necessarily meaning beauty, but rather whether the contestant radiates self confidence without making an issue of it. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.
- iv. Personality reflections – To include the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism, and eye appeal.
- v. Genuine interest in other people, the pageant, and in rodeo and a noticeable consideration of others.
- vi. Self-projection – Ability to project one's personality, whether from horseback in an arena, on television, or before an audience. Also, to be considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, and enthusiasm.
- vii. Happy outlook on life in general.
- viii. Promptness in keeping pageant schedule.
 - i. Public appearance – Includes public appearances during which contestants will be asked to answer impromptu questions. All of these categories require the contestant to 'think on her feet,' show maturity, intelligence, wisdom, and imagination.

c. Horsemanship

- i. Control of mount and the handling of any situation that may arise. This includes execution of pattern, speed, and use of arena.
- ii. Balance – Ability to sit a saddle.
- iii. Positions of hands, feet, and seat.
- iv. Mounting and dismounting

- v. Saddling – knowledge and ability, safety, confidence and ease, and awareness of properly fitting tack. This portion is optional and may be requested at the judge’s discretion.
- vi. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged and not the horse or the equipment.
- vii. Attire for horsemanship is a western brand pant product and form-fitted blouse or shirt with long-sleeves (any color) with shirt tail tucked in. No vests or jackets. Chaps are not allowed. All riding attire should be neat and fit properly. Showmanship should be considered since a contestant’s personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges.
- viii. There will be **ABSOLUTLEY NO COACHING OR TRAINING** of either contestant or horse during the horsemanship competitions. Any failure to comply with the rules of this pageant may result in the contestant being disqualified.

4. **Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen “Duties”**

- a. **Required** to be available during the entirety of Fair Week and will be required to make the schedule for her court during Fair Week. (Will present the schedule to the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee for approval).
- b. **Required** to be at the opening of all night events and be an active presence throughout the event.
- c. **Required** to ride in the Grand Entry at the Fair Rodeo and clean the arena during the cattle events, as well as coordinate the Grand Entry. (Will present to the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee for approval).
- d. **Required** to attend and participate in **at least** 5 local or surrounding rodeos. (More is always strongly encouraged).
- e. **Required** to participate in the Memorial and 4th of July Parades, and in charge of coordinating her court. (These do not count towards your monthly public appearances).
- f. **Required** to participate in one monthly public appearance/community event with proper Queen dress attire. (Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee will provide a list of Teton County special events that she can choose from). These public appearances must be documented (photos and descriptions) must be turned into the Fair Office for social media posting within week of the event chosen.
 - i. Queen reign is 1 year, so it is **required you participate in 12 public/community events throughout your reign.**
- g. **Required** to be point of contact for her court for guidance and encouragement.
- h. **Required** to attend monthly Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty committee meetings to help address concerns and update committee. (This can be done via in person or zoom).
- i. Will be **required** to coordinate **at least one** fundraising event or raffle. (This will be presented to the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee for approval).
- j. **Required** to attend all clinics and workshops organized by the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee.
- k. **Required** to turn in a scrapbook of her entire year rein at the end of her year to the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Committee.

