

Rules and Regulations for Miss Tops N Texas

Qualifications:

Each contestant must be a student/graduate, having never been married and never had children. Contestants wanting to compete who are currently holding titles or obligations must provide current contact number for that organization, and /or written statement confirming her current obligations with that organization will not interfere with those of the Jacksonville Rodeo.

Age Groups:

Each contestant must be a legal resident of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, or Arkansas and is required to show proof of residency.

Princess 8-12 years

Teen 13-18 years

Miss 19-24 years

Awards:

Title Holder:

Queen

Teen

Princess

1st Runner –Up

Queen

Teen

Princess

Additional Awards:

Photogenic

Congeniality

Other awards to be announced later.

Entry Fees:

1. Must have a \$50.00 entry fee, application, parent release, typed BIO no more than a minute and a 1-5X7 color picture postmarked by May 14, 2016. Late entries will be accepted as long as they are accompanied with an additional \$25 Late Fee on top of the entry fee at check in time.
2. Each girl is required to sell at least 100 tickets either raffle or rodeo. 10 extra points will be given to those girls that sell the required raffle tickets. All monies from the initial ticket sells must be turned in at check-in time. Girls will be asked to pick up more tickets to sell during rodeo. Those individuals that do not sell the required raffle tickets will still be able to compete in the contest however; they will not receive the 10 extra points.
3. Each girl is required to sell at least one \$50 sponsorship. The sponsor will be announced when you are introduced.
4. Western dress/suit attire (hat and boots, etc) is required and expected to be worn at all times during the contest. In horsemanship each contestant is required to wear blue denim jeans and a white western blouse. **NO CHAPS ARE ALLOWED!!!** One dress/suit needed during speech/modeling and/or interview.
5. AQHA rules will apply, to understand these rules better please refer to the reining section of the current edition of the AQHA rules and regulations book. It is your responsibility to know and understand these rules. **NO stud horses will be allowed, no exceptions.**
6. Each contestant must ride the same horse throughout the entire competition. If contestants are found to be in violation of this rule, they will be disqualified and any prizes that would have been won will be forfeited. If a change of horses is needed for reasons beyond the contestant's control, they must first clear the swap with the queen director/coordinator.
7. The reigning Jacksonville Rodeo title holders cannot compete in the contest until the year following in which their title is relinquished.
8. All current Jacksonville Rodeo title winners are expected to come back the following year to relinquish their titles, other appearances when asked as Miss Jacksonville Rodeo Royalty, participate in the rodeo week events wearing their crown, sash, saddle..etc. If not able to return the next year, then the title and awards will be forfeited. The current title holders are required to make 2 rodeos during their reign to promote the Miss Jacksonville Rodeo contest. Pictures are to be supplied within a 1 week of these appearances so they can be used for promotions. Each winner is to bring a contestant and sell a minimum of 100 raffle or rodeo tickets for the next year contest.

9. All judge's decisions are final!
10. Age is as of the day of check-in.

Competition Guidelines

Word Association:

The princess age group will be presented with three words one at a time. They will respond with one word that best suits each word. Example: Cowboy: Horse.

Speeches:

Each girl in the Miss age group will give a two minute speech over her state/rodeo/and/or Jacksonville. Each girl in the Teen age group will give a two minute speech over our state or rodeo. There will be a twenty second grace period either way. Time will be called at two minutes and again at 2:20. Speeches that go beyond two minutes and twenty seconds will have points deducted at the judges' discretion.

Modeling:

Every girl will model her western attire. Western dress/suit attire (hat and boots, etc). It will be a basic "T" formation. Once the modeling pattern is completed, contestants will hesitate 15 seconds then begin their speech. The modeling and speech are open to the public. The outfit that the contestant wears during the interview will be the same outfit that the individual wears for the interview.

Interviews:

No one is allowed in the interview except for the judges and the contestant. They will be asked questions pertaining to horsemanship, rodeo, equine health, personality, and current events. The judges will determine the questions.

Horsemanship:

Each girl is also required to perform a horsemanship pattern. At the end of the pattern the Miss & Teen contestants will walk to the judges table, dismount and stand in front of the judges for impromptu questions. Miss & Teen contestants will then remount, tip hat to judges and walk horse to alley and exit the arena. Miss age group if horses are available will ride the pattern twice with the second time on a draw horse. At the end of the pattern, the princess age group will walk to the judges table for impromptu questions and remain on their horses. Horsemanship could also include: parade, grand entry, flags ...etc. Patterns will be used and announced/or given once complete entry has been rec'd.

Photogenic:

The judges will decide on this by looking over the photos that are sent in by each contestant. Miss Photogenic of all girls doesn't count for points.

Congeniality:

The girls decide this part of the competition. They will vote on the girl that they think deserves this award. In case of a tie, they will keep voting until the tie is broken. Miss Congeniality of all girls doesn't count for points.

Judges:

Members of the Miss Rodeo Jacksonville Committee will select the judges from the community based on their expertise in the various categories.

Judge's will finalize all score sheets & tally placing's. All pageant ties will be decided by the judges. All judge's decisions are final.

Personality

All contestants will be judged on personality. What will be expected and looked for are:

1. Pleasant- includes the contestants' style of attire, over all appearance, magnetism and eye appeal.
2. Friendly
3. Relaxed
4. Poised
5. Sincere
6. Confident
7. Positive attitude
8. Able to converse clearly and articulately
9. Demonstrates a broad knowledge of our rodeo, races, horse shows, and fairs. These are the events the girls will be attending and they need to know the basic information about them.
10. Demonstrates an awareness of local, state, national and world current events.

Appearance

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

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming
3. Attention to every detail including complexion (appropriate use of cosmetics), hands, fingernails, hair and clothing
4. Knowledge of proper western attire
5. Up-to-date and current rodeo queen style
6. Clean and fit well
7. Hat is shaped well
8. Western attire is to be worn at all times during the contest.
9. Attire should always be appropriate for the occasion.
10. Make-up should be age appropriate.

2016 Miss Tops N Texas Application

Princess: 8-12 years old___ Teen: 13-18 years old __ Miss: 19-24 years old____
(Check one)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Horse's Name: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parents: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Hobbies/School Activities:

Awards/Recognitions:

Sponsor:

Please include typed BIO with entry of no more than a minute long.
A Negative Coggins for every horse will be required. Early entries must be post marked
by May 14, 2016 and late entries by check-in May 20th. Please mail one 5X7 photo,
entry form, parent release, and your entry fee to:

Jacksonville Rodeo Queen's Contest

c/o Sheryal Berry

PO Box 1181

Jacksonville, Texas 75766

903-721-1690

RUN4BHORSES@aol.com (email)

Parent Release & Contestant Consent Form

I, _____ the parent of or contestant
_____, will not hold the
Jacksonville PRCA "Tops N Texas" Rodeo, Jacksonville "Tops N
Texas" Rodeo Queen's Contest, its people, City of Jacksonville,
Jacksonville Rodeo Association, Jacksonville Riders Club,
Jacksonville Lions Club, contractors, or sponsors responsible for
death or injury, to me or a member of my family or animal.
Furthermore, I will not hold the Jacksonville PRCA "Tops N
Texas" Rodeo, Jacksonville "Tops N Texas" Rodeo Queen's
Contest, its people, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Rodeo
Association, Jacksonville Riders Club, Jacksonville Lions Club,
contractors, or sponsors responsible for lost or stolen property.
Contestant by signing this, you are agreeing that if you are a
winner that you will fulfill the 2 required appearances at rodeos
during your reign & send pictures within a week to be used for
advertising, Jacksonville & Rusk Christmas parades, and other
appearances that you are asked to make by the contest coordinators
or rodeo committee.

Signature of Parent
(If contestant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Signature of Contestant

Date