

ADA FIREMENS RODEO PAGEANT

October 27-28, 2017

Ada, Oklahoma

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

Age:

- Queen contestants will be from 14-23 years of age at the start of the pageant
- Princess contestants will be from 6-13 years of age at the start of the pageant

Other eligibility requirements:

- Shall never have been married, have had a child or have a minor dependent
- Former Miss Rodeo USA titleholders are not eligible
- Must be a United States citizen
- Have not been convicted or charged with any criminal action (excluding minor traffic offenses)
- Must not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medication and then only in the manner prescribed) or abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances
- May be a current titleholder upon entry, however the Ada Firemen's Rodeo Queen/Princess responsibilities will take first precedence after crowning until passing the crown the following year.
 - *In addition, from the time of orientation to crowning, you will be announced as a contestant of the Ada Firemen's Rodeo and not recognized by any other title – including the parade and rodeo grand entries. However, we gladly welcome that information to be included in your biography within the application!*

Expectations of royalty:

The minimum events we ask our reigning Queen and Princess to attend:

- Luke Templeton Ranch Rodeo – Fittstown, OK (June)
- Ada Christmas Parade – Ada, OK (December)
- Miss Rodeo USA Pageant – if competing following year – OKC, OK (January)
- Ada Firemen's Rodeo – Following year to pass down title

Beyond these events, your schedule is yours to manage and fill!

**NOTE: It is our hope that the young lady who wins Miss Ada Firemen's Rodeo Queen will represent the title at the Miss Rodeo USA Pageant in January (following the completion of her reign).*

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PAGEANT CHECKLIST

Application & Requirement:

- Completed Application, can be NEATLY handwritten or typed
- Notarized Contestant Waiver, if a minor – a parent must also sign
- Completed size chart
- Photos
 - Printed 8x10 color photo
 - Digital version –Emailed to adafiremensrodeopageant@gmail.com
 - *Note: We recommend your photos accompany your application. However if you turn it in early, you may have until September 15th to mail/email your contestant headshot*
- Required Sales
 - Each contestant **must sell a minimum of \$500** worth of raffle tickets, sponsorships or a combination of the two.
 - Additional sales result in additional points – *See scoring breakdown for more details.*
 - NOTE: Raffle tickets and sponsor packet will not be available until a completed application, waiver and size chart are received
- Auction Items
 - Contestants must bring **two auction items**; one item for the silent auction and one basket/packaged item for a live auction. The live auction will take place at the Fashion Show/Speech event. We recommend your basket/packaged item to have a theme (such as your state, hometown, or rodeo). You will be asked to briefly describe the contents of the basket before it is auctioned off. These can be sponsored items! Use your creativity and your resources from local sponsors, artists, designers, and friends.

Pageant Preparations:

- Sell raffle tickets/sponsorships - \$500 minimum to meet eligibility
- Plan auction items; one silent auction item and one live (basket/packaged)
- Plan your pageant wardrobe (see detailed schedule for clothing guidelines)
- Prepare your speech with topics given
- Attend contestant orientation (see pageant schedule for dates)
 - Parents welcome for all contestants
- Practice horsemanship pattern(s)
 - Queen contestants will carry a flag on horseback – please plan accordingly

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JUDGING GUIDELINES

Overall Scoring:

The Ada Firemen's Rodeo Pageant will have four major divisions; Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship, and Sales. Judged events will include interviews, speeches, impromptu questions, fashion show/modeling, horsemanship and equine knowledge, in addition to raffle ticket sales/sponsorships.

Appearance - 25%

Personality - 25%

Horsemanship - 25%

Sales (Raffle Tickets/Sponsorships) - 25%

* All categories have a total of 50 points possible

** In the Event of a tie: The contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score will determine the winner. If the winner is still undetermined, the contestant with the highest sales score will break the tie.

Appearance/Personality:

Each contestant (of all ages) should wear western attire: outfits that reflect the western culture and that makes them feel good. Attire should include cowboy hat, boots and belt/buckle. Judges will be looking for how well the contestant wears their clothing and how confident/positive they are. It should be a reflection of their personality at all times. The fashion show event allows the judges to evaluate a contestant's sense of style, posture, poise, voice quality, projection of self-confidence and grooming. The interview and impromptu questions will judge the overall character of the contestant as well as knowledge and personality.

Horsemanship:

Bring a horse that helps you display your current level of skill and talent. All contestants failing to exhibit control over their horse, either during the competition or otherwise will be removed from that phase of the competition for the safety of all participants. Judges will ask questions/interview each contestant to see their level of knowledge of the equine industry & personal background with horses.

Contestants will be asked to perform a pattern(s) during the horsemanship competition. Queen and Princess contestants will not be given the same pattern. Contestants will be judged on criteria such as their riding ability, control of mount and dismount, execution of the pattern, balance of the rider and position of hands, feet and seat. A presentation ride and flag run **will** be included for the **Queen**

Contestants. Absolutely no stallions will be allowed in the competition. You must provide your own horse and transportation. Split reins for the queen contestants & princesses must be used on horses. Use of spurs and tie downs are optional. Judges may also inspect tack.

NOTE: Contestants are responsible for paying for their own stalls for the horse(s) they bring. Each stall with shavings at the Agri-Plex is a \$20 cost. You may bring more than one horse (one for competition, one for rodeo, etc) but you will be responsible for all stall fees. Please notify the pageant committee as to how many stalls you will need reserved.

Sales (Raffle Tickets & Rodeo Sponsorships):

In working with the local fire department to organize the Ada Firemen's Rodeo, we ask our contestants to participate in collecting donations (in the way of raffle ticket sales and sponsorships) for the hard working men and women of the Ada Fire Department!

Each contestant is required to **sell a minimum of \$500** in raffle tickets, rodeo sponsorships or a combination of both. Tickets and sponsor packet will be made available to a contestant once their completed application (waiver and size chart) are received. **ALL checks payable to: Ada Professional Firefighters.**

- Sponsorships: Packets with all details pertaining to sponsor benefits will be provided to contestants. IMPORTANT: For a sponsor to receive all benefits (such as an ad in the rodeo program), contestant must secure sponsor BEFORE OCTOBER 5TH (Date of Orientation in Ada). Contestant can continue to sell sponsorships until the pageant begins if sponsor understands they may not receive all benefits after October 5th.
 - Contestant is responsible for all correspondence with sponsor including obtaining a program ad from them, banner for arena signage and delivery of rodeo tickets (all if applicable)
- Raffle Tickets: Tickets can be sold until pageant begins. Money will be collected at the start of pageant, along with any unused tickets. Any unsold tickets checked out to the contestant, if not returned, the contestant will be responsible for payment.
- Donations: Often supporters of contestants would prefer to make a monetary donation instead of purchasing a raffle ticket or sponsorship. These donations can count toward the contestant's sales score.

Sales/Points Breakdown

\$500 = 15 points	\$2500 = 35 points
\$1000 = 20 points	\$3000 = 40 points
\$1500 = 25 points	\$3500 = 45 points
\$2000 = 30 points	\$4000 + = 50 points

Ways to sell raffle tickets:

We encourage each contestant to be creative in how they sell raffle tickets. Flyers with rodeo information and how to purchase tickets work well in local businesses. Reach out to supporters on Facebook or other social media platforms. Attend community events that allow you access to numerous people. Be creative and sell, sell, sell!

Speech:

Contestants should be able to speak on the microphone, introduce themselves and speak on their topic. Speeches allow the judges to evaluate contestants' public speaking ability, voice quality, poise, confidence, correct use of grammar, creativity and personality.

Princess Topic: Speech must be 1-2 minutes about why rodeo queens are role models and who they look up to (can be someone in history or someone in their lives)

Queen Topic: Speech must be 2-3 minutes about the Ada Firemen's Rodeo, their home state or a rodeo they represent if current titleholder

Cue cards are acceptable (FOR PRINCESS ONLY), but it will be the judges' personal discretion on scoring those with & without cards. Strongly advise to not use note cards as a crutch if memorization is possible. Speeches will be timed and the time will be shown to the judges, however a bell/buzzer will NOT be used. It is up to the judge's discretion to score accordingly if speech is under/over time limit.

Modeling:

A brief modeling session will be asked of the contestants. It will likely be in their attire of choice, or possibly a sponsored outfit. Be prepared with an announcer COMMENT CARD describing the outfit of choice. This card must be a 4x6 card, typed or legible, explaining the outfit and why it was chosen. This is a great chance to show personality! If sponsor outfits are provided, we will allow time for the contestants to hand write a comment card before modeling.

Interview:

The purpose of the interview is to allow the judges to observe personality, intelligence, common sense, conversational ability and maturity of each contestant. The questions posed by the judges are not limited to any subject but **may** include rodeo knowledge, general horse health and care, contestant goals and aspirations, contestants' life experiences or current rodeo event knowledge. Interviews will be the same length for each queen contestant and princess contestants, approximately 10 minutes.

Impromptu Questions:

The purpose of the impromptu question(s) is to test a contestant's ability to think quickly and respond gracefully and intelligently under pressure. The same question may be asked of each contestant or contestants may randomly draw different questions.

Photogenic:

Each contestant must submit one 8x10 color photograph of herself with the application. In addition, the photo must be EMAILED to the committee for online purposes. The pictures will be used for judging photogenic quality of the contestant. Photos will **not** be returned after the pageant unless contestant specifically requests. Images will be used for promotional purposes and to be displayed in other events during the pageant/rodeo.

- Photos should be head/shoulder (bust) shot, plain/simple background
- Contestant must dress in tasteful western attire with cowboy hat
- Photographs must be vertical
- Photo must not be framed or mounted
- Photos due NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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CLOTHING GUIDELINES

Orientation – Please arrive in casual western attire (see description below.)
Current titleholders, please attend without current crown/banner.

Horsemanship – All contestants must be in denim jeans (preferably dark wash) and a white (non- embellished) button-up blouse. Boots, belt, hat and jewelry are contestants' choice. Chaps, vests or other accessories are not permitted during the horsemanship competition.

NOTE: the girls will likely remain in this outfit for sponsor visits/lunch after horsemanship. If you would like to add a vest or jacket to change your appearance, you may. However, do not plan on having time to fully change outfits.

Rodeo Grand Entries – Rodeo grand entries are for your flashy clothing (bright colors, fringe, rhinestones, etc!) We ask that you be in appropriate rodeo attire (ie: long sleeve shirts required and collars are recommended). As mentioned in the eligibility requirements, you will be recognized as a contestant and not by current title, therefore chaps will not be allowed.

Parade – The parade is a wonderful place to show personality and style. We encourage all the contestants to be creative in their attire and decorations of horses. Decorations can include flowers, glitter, ribbons, etc. Again, please be in appropriate rodeo attire; jeans and long sleeve blouse with hat.

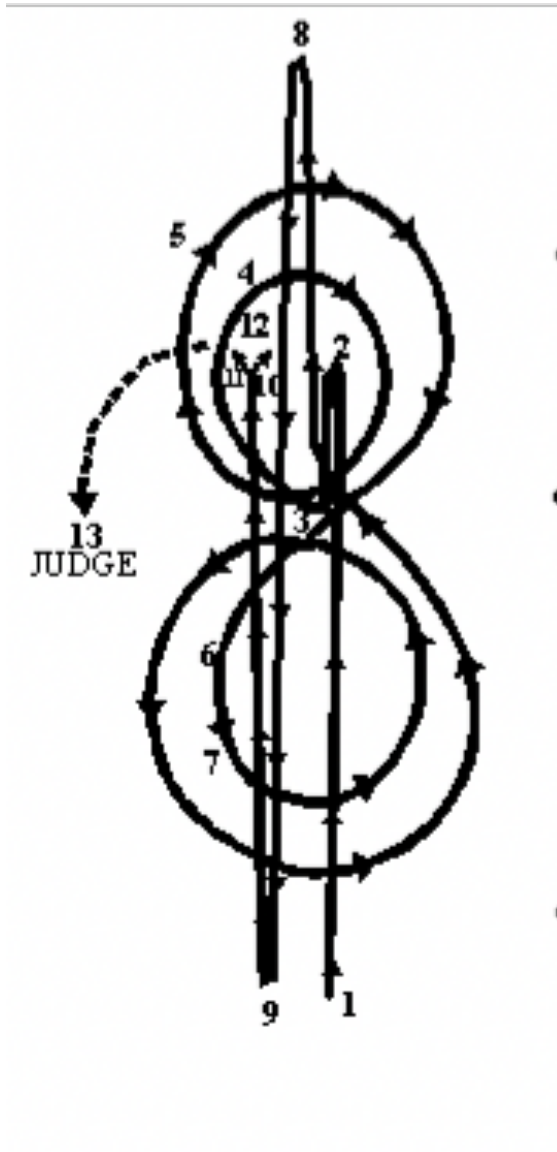
NOTE: An award will be given for best parade attire by special guest judge(s)

Interview – Casual western attire or current western fashion (Ex: tutu skirts, trousers, palazzo pants, crochet vests, big belts, fun jewelry, etc.!) A great opportunity to show your personality in an event that judges get to know you one-on-one.

Speech Event – Attire is recommended to be more formal western attire, examples; leather dresses, black jeans with vests/jackets, skirts and dressy blouses, or dressy western fashion (see interview attire options). Please come prepared with a COMMENT CARD to explain the outfit you've chosen to wear. You may receive a sponsored outfit to model, if so, we will give you time to write a comment card for it.

** Definition of "Casual Western Attire" – western hat, button-up western shirt, pressed jeans, belt, and boots. All clothing should be clean, fit well, hat should be shaped and free of loose dirt.*

QUEEN: HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN



1. and 2. Run with speed past center marker.

2. Stop and back up to center of pattern

3. Settle horse for approximately 10 seconds. Start lope. Circles should be made inside the end markers.

4. and 5. Ride two circles to the right, first circle small and slow, second circle larger and faster.

6. and 7. Ride two circles to the left, first circle small and slow, second circle larger and faster.

8. Left roll back over hocks (should be made past far end marker).

9. Right rollback over hocks (should be made past far end marker).

10. Stop (should be made past center marker) Let horse settle, then in approximate area of stop, do the pivots.

11. Pivot right or left no more than 90 degrees.

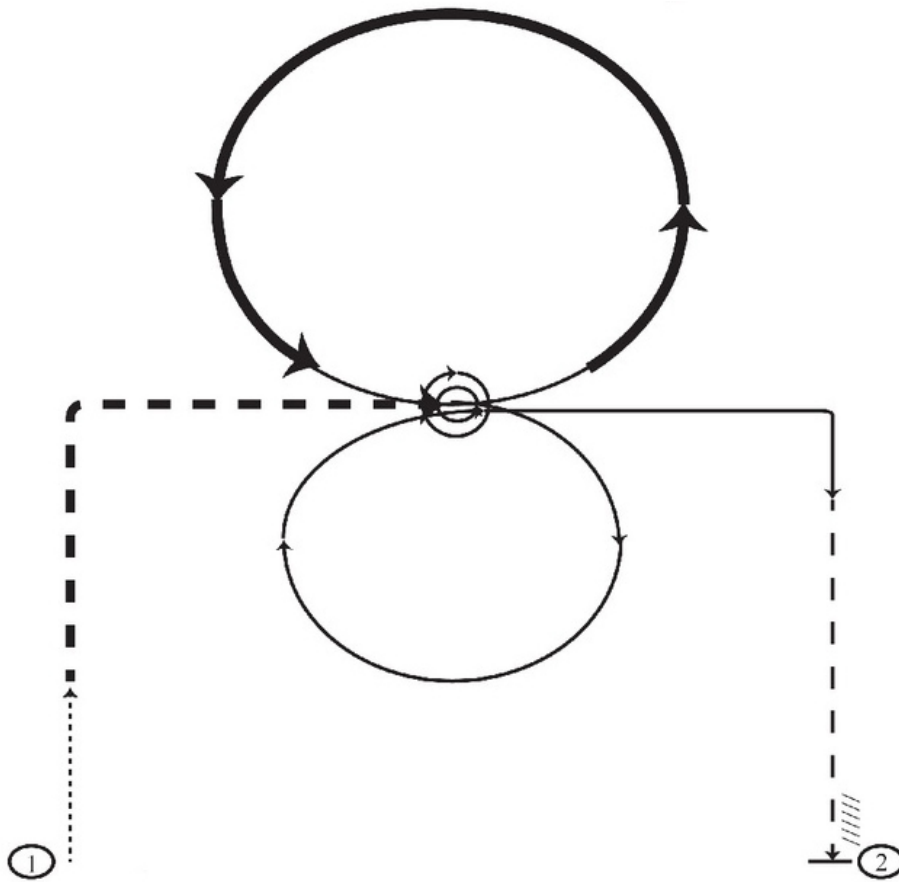
12. Pivot opposite direction, no more than 180 degrees.

Walk to the judges and dismount for in-arena interview

After interview, you will mount and complete a full presentation run

At the gate, you will be handed a flag to complete flag run

PRINCESS: HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN



Walk 15 feet

Extend jog to the middle of the arena

360 Degree turn to the right and 360 degree turn to the left

Lope a left lead circle, building speed before collecting the lope

Change leads, flying or simple

Lope a smaller circle to the right without losing cadence

Lope a corner to the right

Jog to marker. Stop and back 2 horse lengths. Settle.

Walk to the judges and dismount for in-arena interview

After interview, you will mount and complete a full presentation run, then exit arena.