

# Lindon Days Jr Rodeo Royalty Competition Information

The objective of this rodeo queen pageant is to choose three young ladies to represent the sport of rodeo as well as Lindon City, while preparing them for their future as a rodeo queen. Jumping into the rodeo queening world can be challenging and overwhelming. This document will provide basic information regarding what is expected of a rodeo queen, and what they will be judged on in the pageant. Along with this document, we will be hosting a rodeo queening clinic that will provide the girls in-person help, and more detailed information on how to be successful as a rodeo queen.

This document will walk you through the day of what the competition will hold.

What the judges will be looking for:

- Personality and appearance
- Rodeo and equine knowledge
- Ability to communicate and educate
- Their ability to ride a horse
- Preparedness and work ethic
- Genuine kindness
- Passion for rodeo and the western way of life

**Modeling:** The purpose of the modeling portion of the competition is to showcase the that the contestant is confident, poised, and lady like. While each girl is modeling, her bio will be read so the judges can get to know a little bit about her. Rodeo queening modeling is similar to what you would see in any other pageant, but YouTube has some great videos to watch and get some ideas. There are some very fancy outfits, but that is not required for this contest! The outfit needs to look put together and include full western attire. The more it matches the better. The most important thing is that the contestant is smiling and confident!

**Speech:** Directly after the contestant models they will give their speech. The speech should be memorized and genuine. It can be any topic the contestant chooses but should relate to rodeo or horses in some way. The speech should be roughly between 1 minute 30 seconds to 2 minutes in length.

**Impromptu Questions:** Right after each contestant gives her speech, she will draw from a hat two impromptu question. These questions can range from personality questions, rodeo knowledge, equine science, or current events. Each girl will be asked two questions. It is okay to take a few seconds, reread the question, and think about how you want to answer. The most important thing is to stay confident and smile, even if you do not know the answer to a question. All contestants will be led to wait out of hearing range while the contestants before them answer their questions.

**Interview:** Interviews will be done privately and separately for each contestant. During the interview, the judges will ask the contestants questions that they have prepared to get to know each girl and their knowledge. Each interview will last 5 minutes. Preparation and studying is a vital, but overlooked, part of the contest.

**Horsemanship:** After interviews there will be a break for girls to warm up their horses in the arena. The outgoing rodeo queen demonstrates the pattern for the girls. Each contestant will then complete a simple reining pattern. Please note that judges will be looking at the skill of the rider, not just the horse. It is important to smile throughout the whole pattern. Riders will be judged on their seat, posture, confidence, and ability to control the horse. It is best to complete the pattern with using only one hand. After the contestant has completed the reining pattern, they will then do what is called a “buzz run” or “queens run”. The contestant will lope one circle around the arena while waving to the crowd. This is what the royalty will be doing at rodeos, so this part is important. Because the contestant is waving with their right hand while going around the arena, it is important that they can ride the full arena lap using only their left hand. Bobby pins are also extremely important to keep the cowboy hat on! In queening there is a saying, “if your hat comes off, your head better be in it!”

**Crowning:** After horsemanship there will be a short break for scores to be calculated. Then the royalty will be crowned. This year we are excited to say that every member of the royalty will be receiving a buckle, crown, and sash.