

## **RULES FOR THE 2017 MISS NMHSRA CONTEST**

We are looking forward to a wonderful State contest this year as we have a great group of girls competing this year! The dates for the 2017 Miss NMHSRA contest this year are TBA and a tentative schedule will be posted soon. Please read through this thoroughly and let me know if you have any questions. I definitely encourage you to run and represent your hometown. It is a very fun and fair contest. You receive many prizes just for entering and an experience of a lifetime!

Each rule in the rulebook pertaining to high school rodeo will be **STRICTLY** enforced. This not only applies to the actual queen contest judging but is inclusive of the entire New Mexico High School Rodeo Association rulebook. One rule which always gets overlooked is the one pertaining to full dress code. The only time you are allowed to be out of dress code (see National rulebook) is when you are competing in other events. I expect you to be in full dress code when you are feeding, eating out, or – to put it simply – anytime you are in the public eye.

If you make the rulebook your criteria, you will never go wrong. Girls, this is a job. It has some really nice benefits if you do the job for which you are hired. However, if you only put half an effort into it, then that is all you will get in return.

**I want to get this out of the way before any problems can occur. Should you have a protest or a complaint, the procedure detailed in the rulebook is the proper and only acceptable procedure to follow. I suggest that each of you read this rule and that you make sure that each of your parents read this rule and fully understands it.**

**\*\*Should any deviation from this rule occur, it will eliminate the possibility of a protest and will result in your being disqualified from any and ALL events for which you have qualified at the finals.\*\***

Be punctual. There will be no excuse for being late. Late means **disqualification**, be it 5 seconds or 5 minutes. They do not tolerate this at Nationals, and it will not be tolerated at State. In the past, several girls have been disqualified at Nationals for tardiness. I will provide detailed instructions on times and locations so there is no excuse for getting lost, etc. You must be present and answer when roll is called before each event.

## CLOTHING

Please see the rulebook for specifics on clothing and refer to the clothing samples/pictures/ideas sheet provided for info on what to wear for each event. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

**BACK/BUTTON NUMBERS:** Queen contestants will receive a button number during orientation that can be worn during certain judged portions of the Queen Contest. When not wearing the button number than the back number must be worn.

**WESTERN CASUAL DRESS CODE:** Contestants will wear jeans and western blouses or shirts (no jackets and/or vests are allowed) at all judged events except the speech and modeling competition and horsemanship, where specific attire is outlined. **LONG SLEEVES, COLLAR, HAT & NUMBER ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITION.** No dresses or skirts during crowning ceremony. *ALL BLOUSES, DRESSES AND SHIRTS WORN IN THE QUEEN CONTEST MUST HAVE LONG SLEEVES AND COLLAR!*

**HORSEMANSHIP DRESS CODE:** Blue denim jeans and plain white cotton blouse or shirt with long sleeves, collar, hat and number are **MANDATORY!** PLEASE NOTE: Blouse or shirt is to be plain. No ruffles, accessories, tuxedo shirts or other fancy styles allowed.

**\*ALL Shirts MUST be tucked in per the National Queen Contest Coordinator\***

## PICTURES

You must have three 5 X 7 color bust shots of the same pose. Full western attire is a must, with hats required. It must have a plain background

Place a label on the back of each photo with your name . Photos will not affect the winner of the contest. Although there is an award for most photogenic, no points are assigned. However, they are required for the program, the newspaper, and the display at the finals. **Your pictures, correctly labeled, must be in my hands no later than **May 1, 2017.** Please send the digital file to me at [devin@devinsiskphotography](mailto:devin@devinsiskphotography) so we can post on social media.**

## INTRODUCTION

Your introduction speech should be simple and short. Use name, age, hometown, and high school you attend. You will say your introduction at the beginning of the pageant. This is judged.

## **SPEECH**

Your speech must be on one of the following topics: New Mexico, your country, or a western theme.

Speeches must be no longer than two minutes. Those longer than that will have an automatic deduction of points per judge. The amount of points deducted will be decided by the judging panel before the contest starts. You will be using a microphone. It is a good idea to use one in your practice.

## **MODELING**

Your application bios will be read while you model. If you have a school or church auditorium with spotlights available, it would be a good idea to practice there before State. Each contestant will have approximately one minute to model so That every girl has the same amount of time and can choreograph her modeling. This is about the same amount of time you will have at nationals.

## **TEST**

The test often decides who wins the contest...This test is a 50 question test- 17 T/F, 17 Multiple Choice and 16 Fill in the blank . Each question is worth ½ point each with a maximum of 25 points that goes directly to the score sheet. This is 25 points over which each of you has total control. Study your rulebook. Know it from cover to cover, literally.

## **HORSEMANSHIP**

The judges will be looking for the horse and rider combination that can make the

trip to nationals and be successful. The pattern remains the same as the qualifying contest. You are responsible for knowing the pattern. If the queen sets the pattern wrong, I will notify the judges that it was set incorrectly. The judges will have the patterns prior to the contest, so they will know what to expect.

You are responsible for furnishing your own flag boot. Do not depend upon being able to borrow one from someone more prepared when you get there.

You must wear a plain white shirt (no frills, no design) and **Cruel Girl denim blue jeans. (Not the faded jeans or ones with holes.) A 5 point reduction will be given for not wearing Cruel Girl jeans.** You can buy a plain white shirt from any western store. You may wear a pin if you would like and earrings which reflect your style and may coordinate with your banner and horse's attire.

We will be having a raffle and a barrel race fundraiser this year. Each contestant is required to sell \$100 worth of raffle tickets. There will be a prize given to the contestant who sells the most tickets. Although there are no points given to this award, she will also be recognized in front of the judges.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

The State contest is a place we can all have a lot of fun, but there are rules which must be followed. There is no reason to have a problem so long as everyone is clear as to what is required. It is impossible for us to know any special circumstances in a contestant's life, so please don't expect the impossible from us. Contrary to popular belief, we are not psychic. Don't hesitate to ask questions. It is better to get it right than to guess and miss out on a chance of a lifetime.

Please remember that we are volunteers. This is not a staff position to put this contest on. We are here because we love what comes out of it for the girls.

We try very hard to run a good, clean contest. Yet, because it is judged, and because there can be only one queen, there are complaints. Whether it's at the regional, state, or national level, please know that there is not a group out there plotting to sway the results. State judges are honest human beings with minds of their own and criteria for what a winner is in their minds. Just because it does not match the way you or I see it does not make it wrong.

When we are asked what the most difficult part of the contest is, we always say,

“It’s the announcement of the winner.” That has nothing to do with whether or not we agree. It’s because there has to be a “winner.” I have been in your position. You cannot always win, but a winner never quits trying. It is important to remember that, if the contest were held with different judges, on a different day, the outcome would probably be different. Let’s hope this year is your time to shine.

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

**Devin Sisk  
1130 CR 1028  
Muleshoe, TX 79347**

### **IMPORTANT DATE INFORMATION AND DEADLINES**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**May<sup>st</sup>- Application and photos are due  
State Contest TBA**

#### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

##### Wednesday

9:30-10 am Queen Contestant

Check - In

Western Attire (collared/cuffed shirt, jeans,  
belt, boots, hat)

10-10:45am Written Test-Contestants only

11-11:45am- Judges Luncheon/Social with contestants  
Same attire from above.

2pm Horsemanship- WHITE PLAIN  
COLLARED/CUFFED SHIRT, BLUE JEANS,  
belt, hat, boots, number

7pm- Queen Evening/Dinner & Style show- Introductions, Modeling & Speeches  
(Dress or shirt & skirt, belt, hats boots)

##### Thursday

9am-Personal Interviews  
Western Attire (collared/cuffed shirt, jeans,  
belt, boots, hat)

5:00 pm First Rodeo Performance  
Sparkly Rodeo Attire (collared/cuffed  
shirt, jeans, belt, boots, hat, number)

Friday

9:00 am 2nd Rodeo Performance Sparkly Rodeo Attire (collared/cuffed  
shirt, jeans, belt, boots, hat, number)

6:00 pm 3rd Rodeo Performance Sparkly Rodeo Attire (collared/cuffed  
shirt, jeans, belt, boots, hat, number)

Saturday

6:30 pm Coronation Sparkly Rodeo Attire (collared/cuffed  
shirt, jeans, belt, boots, hat, number)

7:30 pm Short-Go 2016 NMHSRA Queen  
Same as above, with crown and banner.

Contract Signing for new queen following the short go.

Sunday

10:00 am National Meeting 2013

NMHSRA

Queen

Rodeo Attire (collared/cuffed shirt, jeans,  
belt, boots, hat, crown, banner)

**NMHSRA QUEEN 2016  
APPLICATION FORM**

**NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**ZIP:**

**TELEPHONE:**

**E-MAIL:**

**PARENTS NAME:**

**EVENTS ENTERED FOR AT STATE:**

**RODEO EVENTS:**

**SCHOOL CLUB/OFFICES/HONORS:**

**HOBBIES OTHER THAN RODEO:**

**IF YOU ARE THE NEXT MISS NMHSRA WHAT IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> THING YOU WILL DO?**

**THREE RODEOS OTHER THAN THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND TO PROMOTE HS RODEO?**

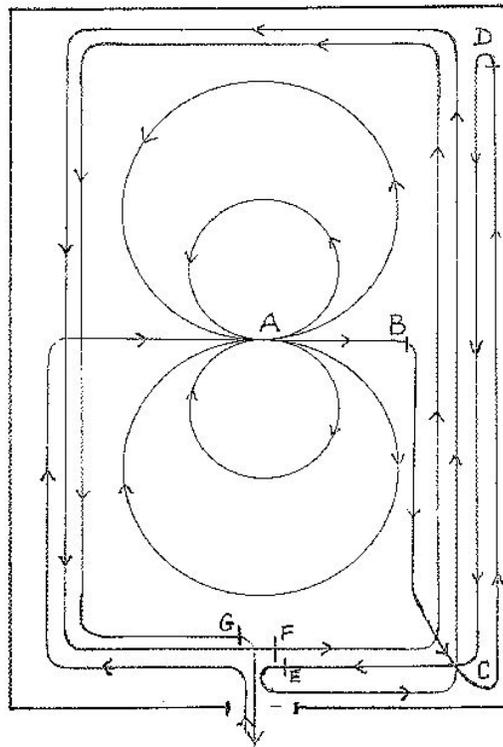
A.

B.

C.

**2012 NHSRA Queen Contest Horsemanship**

Pattern has a possible 50 point score per judge.



Enter the arena and walk to Position A. Begin figure 8 work to the right at a fast lope and make the larger figure 8. Reduce speed and go into the smaller figure 8. Stop at Position B. Trot to Position C. Begin fast pace at Position C, coming to a stop at Position D. Turn away from fence at Position D and proceed to the Exit gate at a fast pace doing a presentation ride. Stop at gate. Make a 180 degree turn to the left (towards gate) at Position E. Take flag from contest personnel and circle the arena once at a speed of the contestant's choice. Stop at the gate and hand flag to contest personnel at Position F. Make a second circle around arena as a presentation ride. Come to a sliding stop at the gate at Position G and exit the arena.

## **NEW MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR POLICY AGREEMENT**

As State Queen of the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association you will be a representative of the Association and symbolic of its reputation, principles and interests to other students and adults in your local community and the nation. Because of the importance of your position and what your appearance and behavior say to others about you and the Association, it is imperative you understand the expectations and responsibilities that accompany your position. You will be expected to comply with the dress code and other requirements of the Association and behave in accordance with the standards provided in the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of the Association.

The Rules, Bylaws and Constitution provide that acts of insubordination, misconduct, or acts, which are detrimental to the reputation, principles and interest of the Association, will subject a Member to discipline. Disciplinary action can include a variety of penalties – even removal of title or office, suspension, or expulsion.

Activities for which discipline has been, and will be imposed include (but are not limited to) any association with or use of alcohol or drugs, or immoral or lewd conduct. Regardless of the permissive laws of your state or the indulgence or permission of your parents or legal guardian, these activities will not be permitted while you are attending local or national Association events, meetings or functions or serving as a representative of the Association in any way. **BE AWARE THAT THESE BEHAVIORS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. ANY MEMBER FOUND OR REPORTED TO BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH MISCONDUCT OR DETRIMENTAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM ANY EVENT, MEETING OR FUNCTION, AND, SENT HOME AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS OR HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN.** There will be no questions asked and no opportunity to explain the conduct.

The Association will investigate all alleged offenses and the incident will be reported to the Member's parent or guardian. A hearing pursuant to the Disciplinary Action or Disqualification provisions of the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution will be scheduled at which the Member will have the opportunity to present a defense to the charges.

At the end of your term, or upon the imposition of Disciplinary Action requiring relinquishment of the crown, or, suspension or expulsion from the Association, the crown and all other property of the Association must be returned to the Association within 7 days at the Member's expense. Other items that belong to the Association and are required to be returned with the crown, include, but are not limited to, the NMHSRA Queen Banner Bag and all banners, the queen chaps and bag and the NMHSRA

Queen saddle.

During your term in office, you will be required to adhere to all NMHSRA policies and procedures for travel, making appearances, attending official functions, meetings, activities and any other national or local events. You will be expected to carry out all responsibilities of your office or position and meet all requirements and expectations that are outlined to you during the annual Student Officer Orientation or that are outlined to you at any other time throughout the year by the governing boards, individuals or committees of the NMHSRA.

Queen should be aware that posting photographs, comments or statements on any website such as FaceBook, Instagram, SnapChat, Kik or any other website or internet page that associates them with the NMHSRA is not allowed without the permission of the NMHSRA. They should also be aware that any statements, comments or photographs posted that sheds a negative light on the NMHSRA or is detrimental to the NMHSRA, its mission or the sport of rodeo in any way could subject them to disciplinary action resulting in censure, probation, removal, suspension or expulsion.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I have read and am familiar with the rules pertaining to dress code and conduct contained in the Rules, Bylaws and Constitution of the Association as well as the policies contained herein. I agree to the conditions of this Conduct and Behavior Policy Agreement and assume responsibility for my actions.

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Member's Signature

Date

I accept full responsibility for the conduct of my child/ward and agree to action by the Association described above should he/she fail to meet the policies and conditions contained in this Conduct and Behavior Policy Agreement.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ACCEPTED BY:

Devin Sisk- NMHSRA Queen Director

Date