

#### Dear Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2024 Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley Rodeo Queen Pageant. We are seeking young women ages 16-23, who will be responsible for promoting the sport of rodeo. Each Jr. St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Junior must be between the ages of 13-15 by the date of the Rodeo. Miss St. Croix Valley Rodeo Queen works directly with the rodeo committee and the queen coordinator, stock contractors, sponsors, media and the general public.

Duties will include but, are not limited to: be our ambassador for the sport of rodeo for the entire year, seeking and participating in media interviews, special events, appearing in parades, rodeo grand entries and flag presentations, helping rodeo events, attending other rodeos, serving as a role model for youth and signing autographs for current and prospective rodeo fans of all ages.

Each contestant must pay a \$30.00 application fee, Jr. \$20.00 (non-refundable.) Checks payable to St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo. We encourage you to get a sponsor for your entry fee, and will be more than happy to announce it for you. The application fee must be sent in with the application. Applications are due October 5, 2023. Tryouts will be held on October 15, 2023.

The pageant is judged on personal interview, horsemanship, including queen's run and flag run.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Theresa Hoffman at 715-265-4805 (home)/715-781-1046 (cell) or Jessica Moor at 715-928-2046.

Theresa Hoffman, Queen Coordinator thoffman1505@gmail.com

# Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley Queen & Jr. Rules and Regulations

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Pageant is to find a young woman who can ride well, speak to the public about rodeo and other topics, and represent herself and the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo in a dignified and honorable manner.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Each Queen contestant must be between the ages of 16 to 23 by the date of the Rodeo. A 23-year-old contestant may still try out and participate even if she has a birthday during her court reign.
- -Each Jr. St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Princess must be between the ages of 13-15 by the date of the Rodeo.)
- 2. The contestant must be a Wisconsin resident.
- 3. A contestant is allowed to compete as many times as she wishes so long as she has not won the Miss St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Queen title previously.
- 4. Contestant must sign a liability waiver form.
- 5. Contestant must agree to abide by pageant rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
- 6. When a contestant becomes crowned, she must be available to fulfill all the required duties of her reign.

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. Contestant must conduct them in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards.† Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use tobacco or foul language at any time during the pageant.
- 2. Contestants must sign waiver agreement and release of liability forms and complete the application form upon entering the pageant by October 15, 2023.
- 3. Contestants must live within 60 miles of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds at the time of the tryouts in order to be eligible. If royalty moves out of the area during her reign, she may complete her reign as long as she can attend the scheduled events.
- 4. Contestants will have a personal interview. You should study rodeo and current event information. Interviews will be about 10 minutes.
- 5. Contestants will be required to ride one horsemanship pattern. Each contestant will be required to provide their own horse and equipment for the grand entry and the horsemanship competition.
- 6. Scores will not be handed out at the end of the contest.

- 7. Each contestant is to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. Each contestant should be mindful that she is representing her hometown, the Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley pageant and the sport of rodeo. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. It could result in the contestant being disqualified.
- 8. The Royalty will be expected to help plan, obtain sponsorships and prizes, and participate in all Rodeo activities.
- 9. All decisions of the judges are final.

#### Polices and Rules of Conduct

#### **TRYOUTS**

- 1. Contestants must fill out the application packet and return to the Pageant Coordinator by the deadline date in order to compete in the tryouts; no exceptions.
- 2. Tryouts for the Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley are scheduled for October 15, 2023 at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds will consist of a personal interview and horsemanship. Horsemanship will consist of a reining pattern, run-in carrying a flag and Queen's Run without the flag as well as an inspection of each contestant and her horse.
- 3. The contestant must have a suitable horse.
- 4. Contestants will draw for positions after everyone has checked in, or contestants will compete in alphabetical order based on the judges discretion
- 5. Each contestant will have a personal interview privately with the judges. Questions that may be asked can be about yourself, rodeo, knowledge of the sport rodeo terminology, current affairs, or horsemanship. Attire for the personal interview will be a dressy western outfit. Jeans and a flashy shirt is acceptable.
- 6. This is not a clothing and tack contest. Neat clothes that fit properly and neat, clean tack is what the judges will be looking for. The amount of silver on tack will not be taken into account.
- 7. Immediately following the horsemanship pattern and judging, the contestant will make a Queen's run and a flag run
- 8. Contestants must show proof of their horse's current negative Coggins test. Contestants may use only one horse during tryouts.
- 9. Tie-downs are allowed. Split reins are optional
- 10. Your horse must be able to carry a flag, enter an arena, and not be afraid of cattle.
- 11. No stallions allowed
- 12. If during the tryouts a tie score occurs between any of the final contestants, the Horsemanship score will be used as the tie breaker. A runner up Princess maybe named, and the

runner up will take the place of the Queen (Jr.) if the Queen (Jr.) is unable to continue her reign at any time.

- 13. Rudeness toward the judges, other contestants, and/or pageant coordinators by contestants or contestants' parents will not be tolerated.
- 14. The St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Association expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following coronation. Unsportsmanlike conduct by contestants or parents will not be tolerated. It could result in the contestant being disqualified.

#### **FINANCES**

- 1. The royalty is responsible for raising funds to support her annual budget.
- 2. It is the Queen's (Jr.) responsibility to attend all required functions at her expense.
- 3. The Queen (Jr.) is expected to participate in all fund-raising events as necessary. Any moneys generated by the Queen shall be turned into the Queen Coordinator for deposit into the Rodeo Queen (Jr.) account.

#### APPEARANCES & MEETINGS

- 1. The Queen (Jr.) is expected to attend regularly scheduled Rodeo committee meetings with the Queen Coordinator.
- 2. The Queen (Jr.) is expected to wear Queen Coordinator approved attire at all events. It is the responsibility of the Queen (Jr.) to keep herself neat, clean and well groomed at all times. Clothes must be clean, pressed and presentable and she must be in complete Queen (Jr.) attire at each event or appointment. Equipment must be clean, presentable and in working order at all times.
- 3. The Queen (Jr.) is expected to make all scheduled events. Expect the MN Horse Expo, May Fair, Mother's Day weekend at the fairgrounds in Glenwood City, Hudson Spring Showcase. Parades: Woodville, Roberts, Baldwin and Glenwood City. The New Richmond Park Art Fair, the first weekend in June. If not be able to attend it must be approved by the Queen Coordinator. Anticipate various other events and local rodeos as well.
- 4. Permission must be obtained from the Queen Coordinator and Rodeo Manager if an event must be missed, permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Queen may also be called upon to deliver posters, hand out brochures/ flyers, or attend functions on behalf of the Rodeo.
- 5. During the actual Rodeo event, the Queen (Jr.) is expected to be at the rodeo grounds all days and participate in functions as scheduled. Her horse may be kept at the rodeo grounds during the rodeo in the assigned stall only.
- 6. The Queen (Jr.) must return the next year as the reigning queen and assist the Queen Coordinator with the next pageant.

#### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- 1. All prizes awarded are the property of the recipient with the exception of the traveling chaps, other prizes will be forfeited if at any time the reigning queen cannot fulfill her duties.
- 2. Failure to comply with the stated Rules of Conduct may result in dismissal. The St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Committee shall have final authority over non-compliance of stated rules and guidelines.
- 3. If a Queen (Jr.) cannot fulfill her reign, or upon dismissal, the runner-up from try-outs will be asked to complete the reign. If there is no runner-up, the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Committee reserves the rights to either appoint a Queen, contact a past Queen (in reverse chronological order) until a reigning Queen (Jr.) is found, or forego a Queen (Jr.) for the reign.
- 4. The Queen (Jr.) will act under the order of the Queen Coordinator. If for some reason the Queen Coordinator is unable to work with or assist the Queen (Jr.), she may then go to the Rodeo Manager.
- 5. There will be no use of foul language and no involvement in any illegal or illicit activities while serving as our Queen (Jr.).
- 6. Neither the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Committee or the Queen Coordinator will be responsible for you.
- 7. If under the age of 18, the Queen (Jr.) must be accompanied by a parent to all scheduled events or an approved chaperone must be provided.
- 8. A permit or cardholding contestant may enter any event at the Rodeo while competing for the Queens title and is eligible for all awards.
- 9. The Queen (Jr.) is required to wear their rodeo performance clothes during the duration of the rodeo unless you are competing in another event.
- 10. The Rodeo Committee and Queen Coordinator have a zero tolerance policy in regards to drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes, or any other drug abuse. If you are of legal drinking age, you may do so *in private in moderation*; absolutely no public drinking is allowed while in Queen (Jr.) attire and in a formal, representative capacity. If this rule is violated, it will result in immediate dismissal. Remember, you are a *Rodeo representative*. You will be looked upon as a role model and example. While the Rodeo Manager and Queen Coordinator have no rights to ask you to give up any personal activities, they have every right to expect you to behave in a manner befitting your position. The Rodeo Committee and Queen Coordinator also has every right to remove a Queen if they feel she has shown misconduct.

## Miss St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Queen & Jr. Application

Full Name:	Age:
	Cell # ( )
Date of Birth:	
E-Mail Address:	
Parents' Names:	
BIOGRAPHY:	
	0 word biography about yourself and what you think qualifies you to Valley PRCA Rodeo. Including Educational experiences and hobbies.:
If chosen Miss/Jr. Rodesport of rodeo?	o St. Croix Valley, what would you do to promote our Rodeo and the
Why do you want to be	the next Miss/Jr. Rodeo St. Croix Valley?

#### WAIVER AGREEMENT

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- 1. Contestant has to read the Rules and Regulations, Policies and Rules of Conduct. Received a complete copy of the Rules and Regulations, Responsibility, Policies and Rules of Conduct. Has been advised of amendments to the rules, if any. Has had the opportunity to have any questions answered fully.
- 2. Contestants will adhere to and comply with all Rules and Regulations, Responsibility, Policies and Rules of Conduct.
- 3. If a contestant has observed a rule violation, please make the pageant director aware of this violation and the appropriate measures will be taken.
- 4. All decisions of the judges and director will be final.

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18:

- 5. I understand there are certain risks and dangers involved in competing in the Miss St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo and I hereby assume all risks of injury sustained to my person of damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the pageant.
- 6. I do hereby release the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Pageant and the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Association, all Association Directors and members from all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action of any sort of injury sustained to my person or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the pageant.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF INJURY

I represent and certify that my true age isyears, and if I am under the age of 18 years, I
represent and certify that I have permission and consent of my parents and/or guardian to
participate in the stated activities, and that they have knowledge thereof. I have read all Rules
and Regulations, Policies and Rules of Conduct and have acknowledged such by my signature
below.
Date:
Signature of Contestant:

### St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Pageant Pre-Contract

If I am chosen 2024 Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley, I will conduct myself in an honorable manner at the Finals and any rodeos or promotional events I attend while representing the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Association. I have read and will adhere to all Rules and Regulations, Responsibilities, Policies and Rules of Conduct and other guidelines as posted by the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Association. I will be involved with obtaining sponsors, selling rodeo tickets, encouraging new contestants, and assist in putting on next year's pageant. Any pictures taken can be used as advertisement and promotion.

Date:	
Signature of Contestant:	
Signature of parent/guardian if under	18:

#### ORIGINAL APPLICATION MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE

By signing this application, I agree to abide by the Rule and Regulations, Responsibility, Policies and Rules of Conduct and in no way hold the Miss. St. Croix Valley Rodeo Queen the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Association or the Queen Coordinator/Pageant Director responsible for any accidents, injuries, or death that may occur. I will enter the premises at my own risk.

Applicant Signature Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 Date

Please return Application, Waiver Agreement, Pre-Contract and \$30.00 Entry Fee (\$20.00 Jr.) to:

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant c/o Theresa Hoffman 1505 County Road X Glenwood City, WI 54013 Applications due no later than October 5, 2023

If you have any questions, please call Theresa Hoffman at home 715-265-4805 or on her cell at 715-781-1046. You may also reach out to Jessica Moor at 715-928-2046.

#### Miss Rodeo St. Croix Valley TENTATIVE Tryout Itinerary

**1:30pm** Arrive for meeting and greeting- Please be prompt!!! Draw for contestant order

**2:30pm** Judging will start; we will do the interviews first:

**Interview questions** will be general in nature about you, the sport of rodeo, explanation of standard rodeo events, rodeo terminology and current issues of the PRCA.

**Attire** for the interview will a bright and/or flashy long-sleeved western/show style shirt and jeans. Hats, boots and belts finish off the outfit. No chaps or spurs.

**Other things** the judges will be looking for is conversational ability, maturity, a good sense of humor, self-confidence, high moral standard, and sincerity.

#### Horsemanship

- -The riding competition will be conducted in the arena by performing a provided pattern.
- -The judges will be looking for horsemanship, balance, and position. Understanding and skill will be judged and not the horses or equipment. Contestants may be asked questions regarding knowledge of tack and horse science.
- -This will then be followed by an individual flag queens run and queens wave. Not only will speed and control be judged, but also the contestant's showmanship and how well she projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
- -The contestant will ride in the order of their draw. Remember that points are deducted if hat comes off, so feel free to wear a stampede string.

#### Crowning

- -The judges will confirm and make their decision.
- -The New Rodeo St. Croix Valley Royalty will be crowned.