

Miss British Columbia High School Rodeo Association

A GUIDEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS

Congratulations! You have made the decision to compete for the title of Miss BC High School Rodeo Association. You are embarking on an exciting and fulfilling journey.

The Queen Event is usually held at most regional High School Rodeos during the High School Rodeo Season. The event availability is determined by the hosting Rodeo Committee. These events are an opportunity to practice and prepare for the Provincial Finals where Miss BC will be crowned. The Regional Queen Events are arranged in an abbreviated version of the Finals Contest. Categories included in the Regional Queen Events are: Horsemanship, Speeches, Modelling, Impromptu, Personality and Appearance. There will be 3 judges and demonstrations will be conducted by either the currently reigning High School Rodeo Queen or another Royalty Position (e.g. Miss BC High School Rodeo Assoc. Princess).

Horsemanship: The Horsemanship portion on the regional contest will consist of a simple Horsemanship Pattern, a Flag Presentation Ride and a Presentation Ride. The pattern is available on the NHSRA Queen page as well as listed below. The pattern includes circles, stops, backups and rollbacks. It is designed to be judged as a horsemanship pattern being mostly judged on the contestant's ability to execute the pattern and how they use leg and hand aids to accomplish this. Special attention should be paid to correct leads, proper leg and hand cues and good seat position in the saddle. The horsemanship is judged out of 50 points and is one of the larger weighted components of the Event.

The Two Minute Prepared Speech: The Speech portion of the contest is also weighted at 50 points. The topic is anything about Western Heritage or speak about your province or state. The judges will be looking at how the contestants present the speeches. The judges are also looking at How confidently the contestants speak about the topic and the ability to captivate the audience. They will be listening for flow and whether or not the contestant is inserting filler words "like" and "um".

Modeling- This portion of the contest is done just prior to the Speech Portion. Unlike runway modelling, this type of pageant modeling is meant for the judges to see the contestants poise and grace. Modelling should last approximately 45-1 minute. The judges are looking at the contestant's confidence, grace and audience engagement. This portion of the contest is weighted at 25 points.

Impromptu Question- Weighted at 25 points. This portion of the contest is meant to test the contestant's ability to answer a question on the spot. The questions are generally made up by the Queen Coordinator and presented to the Queen at the time of the Impromptu Question. The judges are looking for the contestant to answer the question in a fluent and easy manner. They want to see how the contestant can put together a concise and well-organized answer. These take some practice.

Appearance: At the regional level, the judges are looking for well fitting, clean, crisp clothing. The contestants will wear Cinch Jeans and a plain white shirt with collar and cuffs. Ruffles, Tuxedo, or embellishments at not allowed. The contestant's hat should be a felt hat, clean and shaped to the contestant's face. The Appearance portion is weighted at 25 points.

Personality: At a regional contest, the contestant's will be judge on friendliness, sincerity, and their ability to engage the judges and crowd. Polite and polished is the goal. This portion is worth 25 points.