

2026 Rules and Regulations for Miss Tops N Texas **Rodeo Royalty**

Qualifications

Each contestant must be a legal resident of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, or Arkansas and is required to show proof of residency.

Each contestant must be a student/graduate, having never been married and never had children. Contestants wanting to compete who are currently holding titles or obligations must provide current contact number for that organization, and/or written statement confirming her current obligations with that organization will not interfere with those of the Jacksonville Rodeo.

Divisions:

Age is as of the day of check in.

Princess 8-12 years

Teen 13-18 years

Miss 19-24 years

Awards: Additional awards to be announced at a later date and subject to change.

Title Holder:

- Queen
- Teen
- Princess

1st Runner-Up

- Queen
- Teen
- Princess

Additional Awards:

- Photogenic
- Congeniality

Contest Schedule

Friday, May 8th

TBD Check In - Meet at the Jacksonville Rodeo Arena (736 Mulberry St., Jacksonville, TX) where contestants will turn in any late paperwork and raffle tickets/money as well as modeling song and bio. Pageant Director will meet with contestants to address any questions.

5:30-6:30pm Welcome Visitors - Contestants meet in front of rodeo entry gates in order to meet, greet, & perform other duties

6:45pm Grand Entry - Meet Pageant Director at the back gate lined up in alphabetical order behind reigning titleholders with horses fully tacked and ready for grand entry. Queen Run will take place between 1st & 2nd Events but is subject to change based on rodeo schedule.

Contestants are expected to wear a western inspired outfit - hat, boots, belt with buckle, and jeans are required. The theme for Friday evening is First Responder/Military night however it is not required to dress in accordance with the theme. No points will be deducted for wearing the same outfit both evenings for the rodeo.

Saturday, May 9th

7:45am Arrival - Cherokee County Jr Livestock Expo, 611 E Loop 456, Jacksonville, TX

8:00-9:00am Exceptional Rodeo - Dressed to help with Exceptional Kids rodeo

9:00-10:00am Changing - Contestants get ready/dressed for modeling, speech, questions, & interviews. The Cherokee County Jr Livestock Expo has bathrooms and small changing area. Bring everything needed to change, freshen hair and makeup.

10:00am-12:00pm Contest - Reigning royalty will set the stage, Contestants will then model to chosen song & have their bio read, hesitate and then give speech/word association.

1:30-1:50pm Horsemanship Warmup - Jacksonville Rodeo Arena (736 Mulberry St) will be available to warm up. Contestants should wear white shirt, hat, boots & jeans.

2:00pm Horsemanship - Contest will begin promptly. Contestants will line up behind the alley with horses fully tacked and ready for competition.

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Entry Requirements

1. Must have typed application, pageant bio of no more than 150 words in length, parent release, song choice for modeling, (1) - 5x7 color picture (used for promotions and photogenic award), sponsorship and a \$50.00 entry fee, **postmarked by April 15, 2026.**

Late entries **will be accepted** as long as they are accompanied with an additional \$50 Late Fee on top of the entry fee at check in time.

Mail your entries to:

Jacksonville Rodeo Queen Contest
c/o Sheryal Berry
PO Box 1181
Jacksonville, Texas 75766
903-721-1690
RUN4BHORSES@aol.com (email)

2. Each contestant is required to sell at least 100 raffle tickets. 10 extra points will be awarded to those contestants selling the required number of raffle tickets. Those contestants that do not sell the required raffle tickets will still be able to compete in the contest; however, they will not be awarded the 10 points in their final score.

All monies/tickets from the ticket sales must be turned in at check-in time. Contestants will be asked to pick up additional tickets to sell during the rodeo.

3. Each contestant is required to sell at least one \$50 sponsorship. The sponsor name should be sent to the Pageant Director at least 1 week prior to the competition to allow their name to be entered in rodeo documents however the \$50 may be turned in at check-in. The sponsor will be announced when the contestant is introduced during the queen run each night at the rodeo.

4. Western attire (hat, boots, belt, buckle, etc) is required and expected to be worn at all times during the contest. In horsemanship, each contestant is required to wear blue

denim jeans and a plain white western blouse. NO CHAPS ARE ALLOWED!!! One western inspired dress/suit should be worn during speech/word associations, modeling and interview.

5. AQHA rules will apply, to understand these rules better please refer to the reining section of the current edition of the AQHA rules and regulations book. It is your responsibility to know and understand these rules. NO stud horses will be allowed, no exceptions.

6. Each contestant must ride the same horse throughout the entire competition which starts with grand entry on Friday night through coronation on Saturday night. If contestants are found to be in violation of this rule, they will be disqualified and any prizes that would have been won will be forfeited. If a change of horses is needed for reasons beyond the contestant's control, they must first clear the swap with the queen director/coordinator.

7. Proof of negative coggins shall be provided for every horse brought on premises prior to competition.

8. The reigning Jacksonville Rodeo title holders cannot compete in the contest until the year following in which their title is relinquished.

9. All current Jacksonville Rodeo title winners are expected to come back the following year to relinquish their titles and participate in the rodeo week events wearing their crown, sash, saddle...etc. If not able to return the following year, then the title and awards will be forfeited. On Friday of rodeo week, meet & greet around town during the day with sponsors and others, as requested.

The current title holders are required to attend 3 rodeos and/or western themed events during their reign to promote the Miss Jacksonville Rodeo contest and additional appearances, as requested and coordinated with the Director. Pictures are to be supplied to the director within 48 hours of these appearances so they can be used for promotions.

Each winner is to bring a contestant to the following year and sell a minimum of 100 raffle tickets for next year's contest. The reigning royalty will set patterns for horsemanship, modeling, speech and help with contestants.

10. All judge's decisions are final!

Competition Guidelines

Modeling:

(Miss, Teen, Princess)

Every contestant will model her western attire (Western dress/suit, hat, boots, belt, etc.) in a basic "T" formation to the song choice submitted to the Director. The outfit that the contestant wears during the modeling/speech will be the same outfit that the individual wears for the interview.

Once the modeling pattern is completed, contestants will hesitate for 15 seconds then begin their word associations/speech.

The modeling and speech portions of the competition are open to the public.

Word Association:

(Princess)

Princesses will walk to reigning royalty, pull a word from the hat, read it to themselves and hand it to the royalty. The royalty will read it aloud and the princess will give their word association.

The Princess Division will be presented with three words, one at a time. They will respond with one word that best matches each word given.

Example: Cowboy: Horse

Speeches:

(Miss and Teen)

Each contestant in the Miss and Teen Division will give a two-minute speech over her state/rodeo/ and/or Jacksonville.

There will be a twenty second grace period either way. Time will be called at two-minutes and again at two minutes and twenty seconds (2:20). Speeches that go beyond two minutes and twenty seconds will have points deducted at the judges' discretion.

Impromptu Questions:

(Miss, Teen, Princess)

Once word associations/speeches are complete, contestants walk to the judges' table for impromptu questions.

Interviews:

(Miss, Teen, Princess)

Following completion of speeches and word association, contestants will sit for a ten (10) minute interview with the judges. No one is allowed in the interview room except for the judges and the contestant.

The contestants will be asked questions pertaining to horsemanship, rodeo, equine health, personality, and current events.

The judges will determine the questions.

Horsemanship:

(Miss, Teen, Princess)

Each contestant is required to perform a horsemanship pattern. Patterns will be sent by email to contestants once application and all required documents have been submitted. Horsemanship could also include parade, grand entry, flags ...etc.

At the end of the pattern, the Miss & Teen contestants will walk to the judges' table, dismount, and stand in front of the judges for impromptu horsemanship questions. Miss & Teen contestants will then remount, tip their hat to the judges, and walk their horses to the alley.

At the alley, contestants will pick up a flag and complete a flag run around the arena, returning to the alley. Next, the contestants will complete a queen's run around the arena.

If horses are available, the Miss Division will ride the pattern twice with the second time on a draw horse.

At the end of the pattern, the Princess Division will walk to the judges' table for impromptu horsemanship questions and remain on their horses. After questions, contestants will walk to the alley and complete a queen run around the arena, returning to the alley.

Photogenic:

The judges will determine an overall Miss Photogenic based on the photos that are submitted by each contestant. No points are awarded towards Division title.

Congeniality:

The contestants will vote on the overall Miss Congeniality. They will vote on the girl that they think deserves this award. In case of a tie, they will keep voting until the tie is

broken. No points are awarded towards Division title.

Personality:

All contestants will be judged on personality. What will be expected and looked for are:

1. Pleasant- includes the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism and eye appeal.
2. Friendly
3. Relaxed
4. Poised
5. Sincere
6. Confident
7. Positive attitude
8. Able to converse clearly and articulately.
9. Demonstrates a broad knowledge of our rodeo, races, horse shows, and fairs. These are the events the girls will be attending and they need to know the basic information about them.
10. Demonstrates an awareness of local, state, national and world current events.
11. Public appearances/kids rodeo/other events will be used as judged event.

Appearance:

The purpose of this category is to select the contestant who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness
2. Grooming
3. Attention to every detail including complexion (appropriate use of cosmetics), hands, fingernails, hair and clothing
4. Knowledge of proper western attire
5. Knowledge of current trends in western wear and rodeo queen style
6. Clean and fit well
7. Hat is shaped well
8. Western attire is to be worn at all times during the contest.
9. Attire should always be appropriate for the occasion.
10. Make-up should be age appropriate.

Judges:

Members of the Miss Rodeo Jacksonville Committee will select the judges from the community based on their expertise in the various categories.

Judge's will finalize all score sheets & tally placings. All pageant ties will be decided by the judges. All judges' decisions are final.