

Corn Palace Stampede Queen Contest

Judging Guidelines

Judges

- * There will be two qualified judges for horsemanship for all age divisions.
- * There will be two qualified judges for interviews.
- * There will be six qualified judges for introduction speeches, impromptu questions, speeches, modeling and photogenic.

Judged Events

- * **Horsemanship** – Each Contestant will compete in horsemanship. Sr. Queen Contestants will be running two patterns for horsemanship. The first pattern will be run on their horse and the second pattern will be run on an unfamiliar horse.
- * **Introduction Speeches** – Each Contestant will be giving a brief introduction speech about themselves. Contestants should include their name, age, parent's name, where they are from and some fun facts about themselves.
- * **Impromptu Questions** – Each Contestant will be answering an impromptu question. Jr. Princess and Princess Contestants will be answering a fun impromptu question. Jr. Queen Contestants will be answering two impromptu questions and Sr. Queen Contestants will be answering three impromptu questions.
- * **Speech** – Jr. Queen Contestants will be giving a minute and a half speech and Sr. Queen Contestants will be giving a three-minute speech. The topic for the speech is, "Rodeo Personality from South Dakota". For example: cowgirl/cowboy, rodeo clown, rodeo announcer, stock contractor, etc.
- * **Modeling** – Each Contestant will model one western outfit of their choice. Please bring a description of your outfit on a 3x5-note card prior to judging.
- * **Photogenic** – Sr. Queen Contestants will be scored on the photograph that is submitted with their application. This photograph should be a vertical head and shoulder shot. Please send two.
- * **Interview** - Two judges will privately interview each Contestant. Interview questions will include horse care, knowledge of tack, disease, anatomy, knowledge of professional rodeo, rodeo terminology, vocabulary and world standings. These are a few of the topics, but remember that there are many more.
- * **Written Test** – All Jr. Queen and Sr. Queen Contestants will be taking a written test. The questions on the test are factual questions that are taken out of the interview and they may include horse care, knowledge of tack, disease, anatomy, knowledge of professional rodeo, rodeo terminology and world standings.
- * **Participation** – Each Contestant will be judged on her participation level throughout the entire Queen Contest.