



2024 Odessa Rodeo Queen, Jr. Queen & Little Miss Contest

Contest Rules

1. Contestants shall positively promote the sport of rodeo and promote the great Western way of life.
2. Contestants shall act as a representative of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Rodeo and are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and treat all animals humanely.
3. Contestants will be: single, never married, without children or other minor dependents.
4. Contestants must not have been charged with or convicted of a felony or charged with or convicted of a drug or alcohol related offense.
5. Should circumstances be brought to the attention of the rodeo committee or queen directors that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, she will be disqualified from competition. There will be no refunds of entry fees, sponsorship monies, etc.
6. Contestants shall be the appropriate age for their title category by the application deadline (June 1, 2024). Age categories are as follows: Sweetheart 3-7, Little Miss 8-12, Jr. Miss 13-16, Queen 17-26.
7. Each contestant must be a US citizen and legal resident of Missouri.
8. Contestants may not have won a previous Odessa Rodeo title in her current age division (Sweetheart age division excluded).
9. No family members of contest judges may run as contestants in any age division.
10. Each contestant must have a signed waiver of liability on file, coggins and show proof of health insurance.
11. All contestants will be required to have a minimum \$100 advertising sponsor (excluding Sweethearts).
12. All contestants (excluding Sweethearts) will need to provide a 5x7 headshot along with their application no later than June 1, 2024.
13. Sponsorship money is due no later than June 1, 2024.

14. Winners of each the Little, Jr and Queen age divisions will be determined by the highest combined category score. The weight of each category is as follows:
 - a. Horsemanship 45% Speech 25% Interview 30%

15. Winners of the Little Miss, Jr. Queen and Queen titles agree to fill certain obligations throughout the year of their reign. As a title holder, is imperative that you are able to meet these responsibilities. These obligations are, but not limited to:
 - a. Appear in the Odessa Puddle Jumper Days (first weekend in August) and Odessa Christmas parade.
 - b. Appear at sponsor visits as needed.
 - c. Agree to attend and assist coordinators with seminars and competition portions of next year's contest, as needed.
 - d. Agree to attend next year's Odessa Rodeo (June 13-14, 2025) as the current title holder and assist in the coronation of the new title holder
16. Score sheets will be emailed to contestants within two weeks of the end of the rodeo.
17. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest Horsemanship score will win.
18. Contest winners should always be on best behavior and represent the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Rodeo in a positive light when in public, including their personal social media. If at any time during her reign, a winner is alleged to be engaging in negative or destructive behavior (this includes but is not limited to: using profane or disrespectful language, lying, cheating, stealing, verbally or physically abusing people or animals, abusing alcohol or drugs, etc.) the rodeo committee reserves the right to notify the title holder and her parent/guardian of the accused behavior. The title holder will then be called before the committee to defend herself. The committee will then vote as to whether her title will be removed by a 2/3 majority vote.
19. In the case a winner is stripped of her title, all prizes (tack, prize packs, scholarship money, etc.) will be forfeited and returned to the rodeo committee. The 1st runner up will then be awarded the title and prizes.
20. Odessa Chamber of Commerce Rodeo committee members, family members of contestants and current Odessa Rodeo Queen Title holders are not permitted to judge any portion of the contest.
21. Decision of the judges will be FINAL.
22. Changes and exceptions to annual contest rules may be made at the pageant director's discretion.
23. On the day of competition, all score cards will be sealed and delivered to a third party to calculate score totals. The results will then be delivered to the rodeo announcer on the night of coronation. The scores will not be opened or announced until coronation of the title holders.
24. Contestants will be allowed (1) parent/guardian to accompany them to the rodeo, free of charge, each night.

25. By competing in this pageant you are releasing the right for the coordinator to use photographs and or public relations materials for use in pageant promotion.

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