

American Cowboy Rodeo Association  
2018 Queen Competition  
Official Rulebook

**The ACRA pageant organization shall consist of  
ACRA Board of Directors  
Queen Committee  
Judges**

**General Rules**

**Eligibility and Application process**

All Contestants should attend orientation/informative meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017, for important and detailed pageant instructions. Tickets will be checked out when entry fee is paid. Time and Location TBA

Official Deadline October 1, 2017

Miss Contestant must be at least 15 and no more than 26, as of the day of the pageant.

Sweetheart Contestant must be at least 4 and no more than 10, as of the day of the pageant.

Each contestant must provide a copy of her birth certificate.

Each Contestant must be a United States Citizen

Former Miss ACRA Queens are not eligible to compete again unless approved by the ACRA Board.

Each contestant must provide (1) recent 8X10 and 5X7 Headshot (bust & up) in rodeo attire, no crowns or banners. Photo will be displayed and judged for photogenics.

All contestants must pay the required entry fee or have it sponsored.

All contestants must submit all required documents, pictures and application by the due date on the application. There will be a \$50 late fee for any application items received within 5 days after due date. No application items will be accepted after 5 days from due date.

Contestants must have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions required prior to competition.

No contestant may have been married, pregnant, have a child, nor become engaged, married or pregnant during the year of her reign.

No contestant, with the exception of Sweethearts, may hold state or national pageant titles while competing in the Miss ACRA Pageant.

All Miss Contestants must have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent), or provide proof of enrollment.

Entry Fee for Miss Contestant will be \$100 non refundable

Entry Fee for Sweethearts will be \$50 non refundable

Miss and Sweetheart Contestants must sell \$1000 of donation tickets or ad sales. A. A prize will be awarded to the miss contestant who sells the most tickets/ads. B. In the sweetheart division a saddle will be awarded. C. Ticket sales will not be included in the scoring of the pageant, however, if you don't sell the required tickets/ads you will not be allowed to compete.

All Forms Must be turned in by Due dates

### **Disqualifications**

Contestant or contestants family attempting to harass or influence judges.

Contestant failing to fulfill obligations set forth by the ACRA queen committee.

Displaying conduct detrimental to the ACRA or ACRA Queen Pageant.

Not abiding by the rules set forth by the ACRA and ACRA Queen Directors.

### **Competition Rules**

Judges will be selected by the ACRA Queen Committee.

The pageant will be judged by no more than four, nor less than three judges

Contestant will be judged on the following, Horsemanship, Speech, Appearance, Personality, interview/impromptu, Written test and Modeling. These categories will include presentation, knowledge, and responses at various functions.

All aspects of the ACRA Queen Pageant will be a judged event. This will include interviews, speeches, impromptu questions, modeling, a written test, and horsemanship.

Contestant must supply her own horse for competition and must ride same horse for all ACRA events during the 2018 pageant, unless vet release has been given to Queen Directors no less than 1 hour before performance.

Contestant will be responsible for own transportation to pageant events unless stated otherwise by pageant directors.

An independent accountant will be utilized to tally scores. ACRA Queen committee members will not have access to completed score sheets. A Head Judge will gather the completed score sheets from all judges, place them in a sealed envelope and give the sealed envelope to one of the Queen directors. The Queen director will be responsible for delivering the sealed envelope to the accountant.

In the event of any ties, the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score becomes the winner. If there is a tie for the winner of horsemanship, then the highest score on the first go-round will be the winner. If a tie-breaker is still needed, the highest score in the second go-round of horsemanship will be used and then if a tie breaker is still needed the highest score on the written test will be used.

NO chaps will be worn during any event during competition.

The ACRA Dress code will be enforced at all times during ACRA Queen Pageant.

Contestants and individuals related to a contestant may not contact judges before, during, or after the pageant in order to influence or harass.

Contestants may or may not compete in draw order for different events. They will be notified of their draw position prior to events. Position draws will take place prior to the start of the event and be completed by the ACRA board.

Contestants must wear western attire, including boots, hat and belt to all functions (unless otherwise directed by pageant officials).

An adult (parent or family member) must be available to accompany Sweetheart contestants at all times.

If there is only one contestant in an age division, she must compete in all categories to win the title.

Miss Contestants must submit a signed statement that they have read and understand the contract and rulebook.

If a contestant chooses to not compete after submitting her application, no refunds of tickets or entry fees will be given and she must return her raffle tickets and/or sales money by the beginning date of the pageant.

Contestants must be on time and attend all scheduled events. One point will be deducted for each minute she is tardy.

Contestants must wear contestant numbers during all ACRA finals and Pageant activities.

Contestant ticket/ad money **MUST** be turned in by November 15, 2018. This is the date any and **ALL** money is due to the ACRA Queen directors.

Alcohol, smoking or illegal substances will **NOT** be permitted.

### **TitleHolder Rules**

Miss ACRA must be willing to enter into a contract with the ACRA.

Miss ACRA must be willing and able to participate in rodeo appearances and other special events as requested by the ACRA.

Contestants must understand that if they win Miss ACRA any and all funding for all expenses including travel and wardrobe will be their responsibility. Any fund raisers must be approved by the board.

Will abide by all Rules in title holder contract.

### **Horsemanship**

Horsemanship competition allows the contestants to showcase their riding ability; control of mount; precise execution of patterns; balance of rider; position of hands, feet, and seat; mounting and dismounting. A presentation ride and flag run will also be considered by the judges.

Miss contestants will provide their own horse.

Contestants must ride in a western style saddle.

Miss contestants will Draw another Miss Contestant's horse for the second round of horsemanship.

The second round, will consist of small group rail work. During the second round the Contestants will be given instructions from the announcer during the rail work portion.

No chaps are allowed.

Miss contestants may not use spurs.

Every element of the horsemanship portion of the competition will be scored regardless of execution of set pattern.

Split reins are required for Miss contestants.

No horses under 3 years of age are allowed.

No stallions are allowed.

Sweetheart contestants may ride alone or with lead line assistance.

The use of tie-downs is at the contestants' digression

Execution of a flag run will be required for Miss, bring flag boot.

Miss Contestants may be used to run sponsor flags during rodeo.

It is the responsibility of the contestants to make sure their hats stay securely on their heads. Failure to do so will result in severe point penalties.

The judges may elect to require the contestants to perform any other horsemanship related task they deem relevant. The Judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions.

## **Speech**

Speeches allow the judges to evaluate contestants' public speaking ability, poise, confidence, correct use of grammar, creativity and personality. Judging is based on content, delivery and the time allotted for the presentation as well as on knowledge, poise, professionalism and delivery.

Miss contestants are to give a speech on a famous woman in rodeo or western industry. BE CREATIVE!

Miss contestants' speeches should be two minutes.

All speeches will be timed and given to the judges with the contestant's name and number.

Sweethearts have the option to have an onstage interview or give a speech about herself and her family.

### **IMPROMPTU**

The purpose of the impromptu question/situation is to test a contestant's ability to think quickly and respond gracefully and intelligently under pressure. An example of an impromptu question/situation could be drawing questions at the awards ceremony Thursday night.

If contestants are all being asked the same question then all other contestants will be removed from the event until their draw number.

If contestants are being asked random questions all contestants may or may not be present.

### **Written Test**

A written test will be given to the Miss contestants only. The purpose of this test is to determine a contestant's knowledge of current events; tack; horses – including care, feeding, diseases and anatomy; horsemanship and rodeo terminology; animal rights issues; and ACRA rules, sponsors, standings, and contestants.

If a contestant is caught with printed or written material or any other means of cheating, she will be disqualified.

Contestants may request reasonable testing accommodations if needed. Requests should be sent to the National Director 30 days prior to the pageant. These requests will be kept confidential.

### **Photogenic**

Each contestant must submit a Vertical 8x10 color photograph and a 5X7 black and white photograph of herself. The 8x10 will be judged in the photogenic category, but no points will be awarded. The vertical 5X7 will be used for promotional purposes and may be displayed at events during the pageant.

### **Modeling**

The modeling competition allows the judges to evaluate a contestant's sense of style, posture, poise, projection of self-confidence, grooming and knowledge of current rodeo royalty fashion trends.

### **Interview**

The purpose of interview is to allow the judges to observe the personality, intelligence, common sense, conversational ability and maturity of each contestant. The questions posed by the judges are not limited to any subject but may include: rodeo knowledge, current events, general horse health care, contestants' goals and aspirations, contestants' life experiences, etc.

The interview session(s) will be closed to the public and all other contestants.

The only people to be present in the interview room are: one contestant, the judges and one ACRA timer/chaperone.

The interviews will be timed and will not exceed 15 minutes per contestant.

~\*The ACRA Queen Pageant follows the Miss Rodeo Oklahoma and Miss Rodeo USA guidelines\*~

**RULES & REQUIREMENTS**

I certify that I have read and understand the Miss ACRA Rodeo Queen Rulebook and Contract and hereby declare that I meet all eligibility requirements and agree to all rules and stipulations set forth by the America Cowboys Rodeo Association Queen Committee.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CONTESTANT: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that the statements and representations contained in this Contract are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public for the State of  
Oklahoma

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Printed Name  
My Commission #:

My Commission Expires:

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