

2026 Saint Jo Rodeo Royalty Contest Rules Packet

*Contestants and parents should read the entire rule packet.
Consent to enter this contest is an agreement to abide by the rules as they are.*

Rodeo Royalty Contest ~ Saint Jo Riding Club Rodeo

Queen - Ages 15-24 (horsemanship required)
Junior Queen – Ages 14 & under (horsemanship required)
Princess - Ages 9 & under (non-riding)

Age as of FRIDAY, July 31, 2026

**To sign up call or text
940-366-6061 (Kincaid) or 940-634-0529 (Ashley)
Visit WWW.SAINTJORODEO.COM for rules.
Follow us on Facebook at Saint Jo Rodeo Queen Contest**

**Registration Meeting & Mini Clinic
Sunday, June 28, 2026
5:30 PM at the Saint Jo Riding Club Arena**

It is the objective of the Saint Jo Rodeo Queen Committee to find well-rounded young ladies to represent Saint Jo Riding Club as their rodeo queen. Competitors should possess good horsemanship skills and knowledge about rodeo and horses. They should be friendly and outgoing. They should wear current rodeo queen attire with special attention to grooming. One of the main jobs of royalty is to promote the sport of rodeo, especially Saint Jo Rodeo. All contestants must have a personal sponsor who will sponsor her for a \$25 sponsorship fee. This sponsor's information and the \$25 fee made payable to Saint Jo Riding Club must be postmarked by **MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026 – ENTRY DEADLINE**, and sent or hand-delivered to the Saint Jo Royalty Committee.

Saint Jo Royalty Contest
PO Box 282
Saint Jo, TX 76265
Email: sjcrodeo@gmail.com

Poor sportsmanship by parents or competitors could result in disqualification at the judges' and/or Committee's discretion. Any complaints or concerns about this contest should be addressed to the Saint Jo Royalty Committee. Our committee is comprised of volunteers who work very hard to ensure the contest is fair and that competitors have a learning experience. Please understand that the committee does not select the winner. If a parent or competitor is disrespectful to a committee member, riding club member, or judge, she will not be eligible to run for Saint Jo Rodeo Queen and will be required to vacate the premises. We feel that this contest is much more than earning a title and a crown. We expect all young ladies and their parents/coaches to uphold themselves with poise and dignity. We also expect them to be courteous to their peers.

Eligibility for Queen:

Each contestant in the Saint Jo Rodeo Queen Contest shall, on the dates of competition and final selection of Saint Jo Rodeo Queen:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 24 as of FRIDAY, July 31, 2026.
- Provide committee with personal sponsor's name and fee of \$25.
- Sell a minimum of 75 pre-sale rodeo tickets. (150 tickets if there is only one queen contestant)
- Not have been previously married and/or pregnant.
- Not have been the prior Saint Jo Rodeo Queen or Jr. Queen within the previous one-year period.
- Have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions precedents to competition.
- Be currently enrolled in school or have a high school diploma.
- Attend all scheduled contest events during rodeo weekend.
- Ride horseback in:
 - The grand entry of the rodeo both nights
 - The parade on Saturday
 - The announcing of contestants both nights
- Must currently reside in Texas or Oklahoma
- Must consult with and receive approval from the Saint Jo Royalty Committee before seeking dual titles prior to expiration of current reign.

Eligibility for Junior Queen:

Each contestant in the Saint Jo Rodeo Junior Queen Contest shall, on the dates of competition and final selection of Saint Jo Rodeo Queen:

- Be age 14 years or younger as of FRIDAY, July 31, 2026.
- Abide by all other requirements listed above in the Queen Contest section.

Eligibility for Princess:

Each contestant in the Saint Jo Rodeo Princess Contest shall, on the dates of competition and final selection of Saint Jo Rodeo Queen:

- Be age 9 years or younger as of FRIDAY, July 31, 2026.
- Live in Texas or Oklahoma.
- Sell a minimum of 75 pre-sale rodeo tickets. (150 tickets if there is only one princess contestant)
- Not have been the prior Saint Jo Rodeo Princess within the previous one-year period.
- Not be a current title holder of another Rodeo Princess contest.
- Wear a long-sleeve western shirt, western jeans, cowboy boots, and a cowboy hat during all events that she will be representing Saint Jo Rodeo as a contestant, including the following:
 - The grand entry of the rodeo both nights
 - The parade on Saturday
 - The announcing of contestants both nights
- Have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions precedents to competition.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

<p>Sunday, June 28, 2026</p>	<p>5:30 PM – Sign-up meeting & Mini Clinic at the Saint Jo Rodeo Arena We understand that sometimes you may be unable to make this meeting. Please contact contest committee members if you want to run but are unable to attend. Application and liability waivers may be turned in today. Pre-Sale Tickets will be distributed to contestants upon receipt of signed application & waiver.</p>
<p>Monday, July 6, 2026</p>	<p>ENTRY DEADLINE: Any additional applications & waivers are due, plus Sponsorship fees, photo (4x6 vertical) and bio are due ~ either hand-delivered, emailed or postmarked by this date.</p>
<p>Friday, July 31, 2026</p>	<p>6:30 PM – Meet at arena pavilion to turn in ticket money & unsold tickets. Place unsold tickets & money in large envelope with contestant’s name. Include itemized list of ticket & money amounts. 7:30 PM – Meet behind the arena alley and be ready for the grand entry and queen’s introductory run. Contestants must stay entire length of rodeo in western attire and be visible to judges.</p>
<p>Saturday, August 1, 2026</p>	<p>7:30 AM – Horsemanship at the arena consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pattern - Freestyle (2 minutes to set up, 2 minutes to perform) - Interview Questions - Queens Run 10:00 AM – Parade line up at the Phillip’s Ranch, 200 E. Derby Street 10:30 AM – Rodeo Parade 12:00 PM – Lunch and interviews at the Civic Center on the east side of the square. Lunch is free for contestants. The cost for each non-contestant is \$10. Please let the contest committee know a week in advance if you will have parents or immediate family members attending. Private interviews will follow the lunch. 7:30 PM – Meet behind the alley ready for the rodeo. Ride in the grand entry. Contestants will be introduced during queen’s run after grand entry. The Queen will be crowned at this time. Contestants must stay entire length of rodeo in Western attire. Newly crowned royalty should stay in royalty attire until the rodeo is completely over.</p>
<p>September 1, 2026</p>	<p>Thank you notes due for Queen Contest sponsors.</p>

Saint Jo Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen Contest Rules

Categories¹

Horsemanship (40%), Personality (25%), Appearance (25%), Ticket Sales (10%)

Horsemanship (40 points)

All contestants' horsemanship will be judged during the entire weekend including during the rodeo and parade. Contestants will be judged on a set horsemanship pattern and a freestyle pattern of contestant's choice. See horsemanship pattern for more details. All contestants must be dressed in appropriate western attire as noted in the AQHA handbook. Each contestant will have a short public interview session at the conclusion of her individual performance. Contestants will be judged on the pattern, freestyle, parade, grand entry and queen's run, and horse knowledge. Riding double is prohibited. Parents/coaches are not allowed to make any verbal cues, hand gestures, or any other signals while competitors are in the arena for their horsemanship pattern. Clapping should be done only after each competitor is finished.

Personality (25 points)

Intelligence and good common sense is a big factor in the PERSONALITY DIVISION. Education and conversational ability in professional rodeo, current events and other areas is vital, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation. A contestant should radiate self-confidence, showing maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity. Contestants should have the ability to project their personality, whether it be from horseback in an arena, on television, or before an audience. They should be able to appropriately interact with the crowd as well as their peers. Also considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, enthusiasm and a happy outlook on life in general.

Appearance (25 points)

In the APPEARANCE CATEGORY, contestants should be aware of what is current, fashionable attire and contestants should be knowledgeable on current trends in the western wear industry. No blue jeans will be allowed during the contest. Other appearance considerations include appropriate hat selection, cleanliness and crispness of hat crease, as well as personal attractiveness and grooming—to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail of the contestant's person and her attire. As with all contests, your appearance and personality will be judged at all times. No use of tobacco, nicotine, or alcohol will be tolerated and doing so will result in disqualification. Please be aware that online social media is viewed by the world, and your account should portray you in a way that is conducive to being a queen. Photos and posts in poor taste will be considered a deduction in this area. Included in this contest will be an interview session between the judges and each contestant individually to be held at the brunch. The same clothing shall be worn for the parade as in horsemanship. Changing between horsemanship and the parade will result in a penalty at the judges' discretion.

¹* Please understand that you are being judged in all categories (except ticket sales) from the time you drive onto the rodeo grounds Friday until the Saturday evening performance.

Ticket Sales (up to 10 points)

All contestants are required to sell a minimum of 75 rodeo tickets before the first night of the rodeo. Points will be given to the top five ticket saleswomen in each age division. *In the case that there is only one contestant in any age division, that contestant must sell a minimum of 150 tickets to be eligible to receive the title and prizes.* Ticket sales money and unsold tickets should be in a manila envelope, along with the ticket count sheet provided, turned in at 6:30 PM before Friday's rodeo performance. Failure to bring tickets in a manila envelope with the ticket sheet will result in a 2-point penalty from ticket sales.

Last-minute check writing will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be reported to judges. No checks over the amount of \$500 will be accepted. Once ticket money is turned over to the royalty committee, no tickets should be sold on the rodeo grounds or in town on Friday or Saturday. Sold tickets may be left in a marked envelope at the will-call ticket booth. Ticket Sales will be the tiebreaker category in case of an overall tie.

1st place = 10 points

2nd place = 8 points

3rd place = 6 points

4th place = 4 points

5th place = 2 points

Crowning:

The new Rodeo Queen will be announced during Saturday night's performance. The previous year's rodeo queen and royalty committee will crown the queen following the contestants' run. Upon being crowned, the new Rodeo Queen will make her first formal queen's run.

Awards:

The following awards will be given to the Saint Jo Rodeo Queen:

- Scholarship: \$1,000.00
- Trophy Saddle gift certificate: \$1,000.00
- Trophy Buckle, Rodeo Queen Sash
- Tiara Suitable for a Western Hat and Rodeo Queen

The following awards will be given to the Junior Queen:

- Trophy Saddle gift certificate: \$1,000.00
- Trophy Buckle, Rodeo Queen Sash
- Tiara Suitable for a Western Hat and Rodeo Queen

Saint Jo Rodeo Royalty Vests will be loaned to each title holder for their use and must be returned to the Royalty Committee at the contestant sign-up meeting the following year. Failure to return your vest will result in a \$75 fee. Credit toward a saddle or chaps must be applied by December 31, 2026, and the saddle/chaps should be stamped with "Saint Jo Rodeo" or a variation thereof. Scholarship funds will expire after one year from the date of crowning. [Except in the case where a scholarship recipient is under age 18 and has not yet graduated high school. In such case, the funds will expire one year after the recipient's high school graduation.]

Winning the prizes in this contest is an honor, but they do not become yours until your reign is fulfilled. Prizes belong to the Saint Jo Riding Club until you have met all the requirements. In the case that the queen is unable to fulfill her duties as royalty, contestants' prizes will be repossessed by the Saint Jo Riding Club.

Requirements of the Saint Jo Rodeo Queen the Saint Jo Rodeo Jr Queen:

The new Saint Jo Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen will sign an agreement that states that she understands the responsibilities and obligations of accepting the title of Saint Jo Rodeo Queen. If she is unable to fulfill her obligations, first runner-up will take over the title, and all awards will be returned to the riding club.

Saint Jo Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen Fulfillment Checklist

The Saint Jo Rodeo Queen shall:

- Keep record of how she has fulfilled each of the obligations set forth and send an updated, professional record of these to the queen's contest director at least on the following dates: December 1 and June 1.
- Photos and information about each appearance should be texted to Stacey Ward within one week of the appearance for posting online and in other media. 940-727-1717.
- *Send thank you notes to each royalty sponsor.* Include the sponsors of each individual category as well as the queen's awards. They donate their money or goods to help make our contest successful. Without them, there would be no contest or awards. Thank you notes with postage must be turned in to the royalty committee by September 1. Please use the Riding Club's return address:
- PO Box 282, Saint Jo, TX 76265.
- Create a scrapbook to be presented to the Riding Club prior to the following year's rodeo. This scrapbook will be returned. It should show the places where the Queen or Junior Queen has represented the rodeo. The scrapbook is due at the contestant sign-up meeting the following year.
- Ride horseback in both the Saint Jo Christmas and Saint Jo Rodeo parades with the Saint Jo Riding Club. Let the committee know at least 24 hours in advance if you have a conflict.
- Ride horseback in a minimum of 8 nights of rodeo grand entries in other towns. Royalty should remain in attendance at the rodeo in appropriate queen attire for the entire rodeo.
- Ride in a minimum of 5 parades outside of Saint Jo to represent the Saint Jo Rodeo.
- Take part in and represent the Saint Jo Rodeo in at least 1 community service event.
- Agree to represent Saint Jo Riding Club in an ethical way and exhibit good character and congeniality while reigning as rodeo queen.
- Wear appropriate Rodeo Queen attire while representing Saint Jo Rodeo. Royalty is expected to have impeccable grooming including clean clothes, hat, and boots, and curled hair. Please check hats prior to appearance to ensure they are not misshapen.
- Encourage others to compete in the following years' contests.
- Help advertise the rodeo.
- Help find sponsors for the queen's contest.
- Be present during every portion of the next year's rodeo including contestant meetings
- Assist the director and Royalty Contest Committee during next year's competition.
- Help crown the new queen.
- Ride horseback during the grand entry of the Saint Jo Rodeo and parade.
- Before entering any other queen contest or pageant, go before the Saint Jo Royalty Committee and ask permission. *We encourage you to run for state titles.*

Saint Jo Rodeo Princess Rules

Categories

Ticket Sales (40%), Personality (30%), Appearance (30%)

Ticket Sales (40 pts)

All contestants are required to sell a minimum of 75 rodeo tickets before the first night of the rodeo. Points will be given to the top three ticket saleswomen in each age division. *In the case that there is only one contestant in any age division, that contestant must sell a minimum of 150 tickets to be eligible to receive the title and prizes.* Ticket sales money and unsold tickets should be in a manilla envelope, along with ticket count sheet provided, turned in at 6:30 PM before Friday's rodeo performance. Failure to bring tickets in a manilla envelope with ticket sheet will result in a 2 point penalty from ticket sales.

Last-minute check writing will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be reported to judges. No checks over \$500 will be accepted. Once ticket money is turned over to the royalty committee, no tickets should be sold on rodeo grounds or in town on Friday or Saturday. Sold tickets may be left in a marked envelope at the will-call ticket booth.

1st place = 40 pts

2nd place = 35 pts

3rd place = 30 pts

4th place = 25 pts

5th place = 20 pts

6th place = 15 pts

7th place = 10 pts

8th place = 5 pts

Personality (30 pts)

Princess contestants should be friendly and outgoing. They should be able to talk to people of all ages. They will be judged during the rodeo, parade, and during the luncheon interviews.

Personality score will be the tiebreaker category in the case of a tie of the overall title.

Appearance (30 pts)

Princess contestants should be dressed in appropriate rodeo queen attire.

NOTE: Princess contestants are not allowed to be horseback during the rodeo Grand Entry or Parade. This ensures that all contestants are able to be in the same place and on even footing with the judges throughout. As a titleholder, the princess is welcome to ride horseback in other parades or rodeos to represent our rodeo, but there are no requirements.

Crowning:

The new Rodeo Princess will be announced during Saturday night's performance. The previous year's rodeo royalty will assist in crowning the new princess.

Awards:

The following awards will be given to the Saint Jo Rodeo Princess:

- Trophy Buckle
- Rodeo Queen Sash
- Tiara Suitable for a Western Hat and Rodeo Queen
- Western Hat gift certificate

Saint Jo Rodeo Princess Fulfillment Checklist

The Saint Jo Rodeo Princess shall:

- *Send thank you notes to each royalty sponsor.* They donate their money or goods to help make our contest successful. Without them, there would be no contest or awards. Thank you notes with postage must be turned in to the royalty committee by September 1. Please use the Riding Club's return address: PO Box 282, Saint Jo, TX 76265.
- Encourage others to compete in the following years' contests.
- Must display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Participate in the Saint Jo Christmas Parade (if possible).
- Be present during every portion of the following year's rodeo & parade in Saint Jo.
- Help contest director and committee during competition.
- Help crown the new Princess.

Saint Jo Rodeo Queen & Junior Queen Horsemanship Pattern

Saturday at 7:30 A.M. on Rodeo Weekend at Saint Jo Rodeo Arena

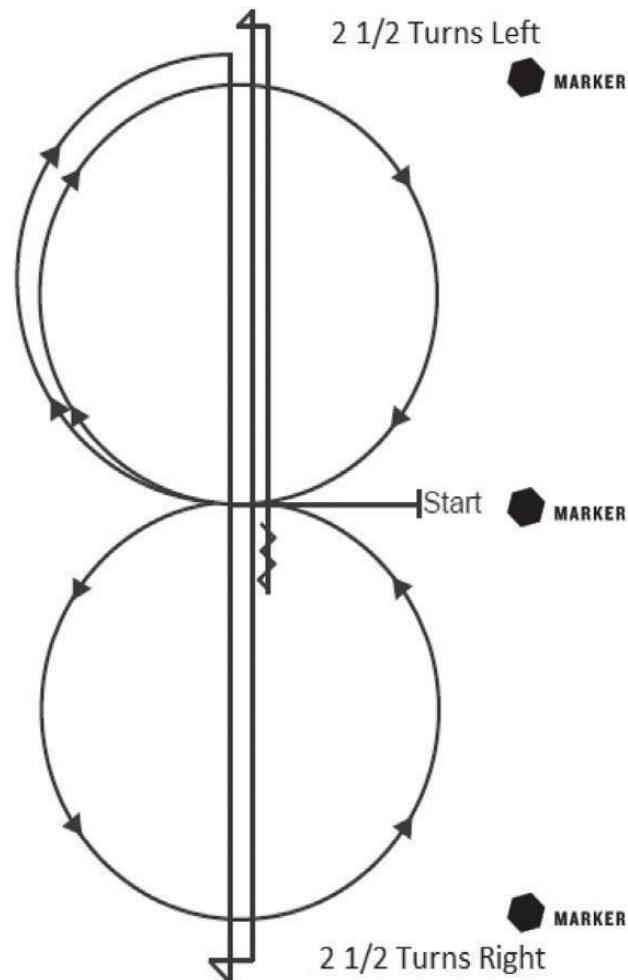
1. Be horseback and ready for your horsemanship patterns at 7:30 AM.
2. Horsemanship competition begins
 - a. Traditionally, the outgoing queen and junior queen will demonstrate the pattern first.
 - b. Each contestant will perform the attached horsemanship pattern. Please wait until your name is announced before entering the arena.
 - c. After completing the pattern, contestant should turn facing the judges, signalling completion.
 - d. The contestant will then use the arena for free-style time to show the ability of horse and rider. Props and costumes may be used, but set-up time may not exceed **two minutes**. Free-style time is also limited to **two minutes**. If you would like to use music, it must be on a device that can connect to our system and cued to the correct position. A flash drive is preferred.
 - e. Contestant will walk to the current queen and dismount. Junior queen candidates have the option of remaining mounted if unable to remount.
 - f. Contestants will be asked public interview questions by the queen and the contestant will answer over the microphone.
3. After being released by the judges, contestant will remount, do a queen run and exit the arena.
4. Take care of your horse, but please come back and watch the rest of the competitors do their patterns and freestyle.

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Please note that contestants will be judged on horsemanship throughout the rodeo performances as well. Please be on your horse and ready when being introduced during the performance.

It is a good gesture to be helpful to others at the rodeo. In recent years, contestants have helped with the kids' calf scramble and handed out candy to spectators. It would be nice to see our queen contestants do the same this year on Friday night. On Saturday night, the new royalty should be visible, greeting people, and being helpful as needed.

WORKING COW HORSE PATTERN 6



Trot to center of arena, stop. Start pattern facing towards judge.

1. Beginning on the right lead lope one circle to the right. Change leads at the center of arena.
2. Complete one circle to the left. Change leads at the center of arena.
3. Continue to top of arena and run down center of arena past the end marker and come to a sliding stop.
4. Complete 2 1/2 spins to the right.
5. Run to the other end of the arena, past the end marker and come to a sliding stop.
6. Complete 2 1/2 spins to the left.
7. Run past the center marker, stop, and back at least 10 feet. Hesitate to complete pattern.

Pattern 6

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| 1. Right circle | 4. 2 1/2 right spins |
| 2. Left circle | 5. Stop |
| 3. Stop | 6. 2 1/2 left spins |
| | 7. Stop and back up |

This pattern may be used as a lope-in pattern; refer to SHW505.2.