

# **Saint Jo Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen Contest Rules**

**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.**

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 Wednesday, June 27 and sent or hand delivered to the Saint Jo Royalty Committee.

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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.

## **Categories\***

### **Horsemanship (40 points)**

All contestants' horsemanship will be judged during the entire weekend including during the rodeo and parade. The horsemanship competition will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018. Contestants will be judged on a set horsemanship pattern and a free style 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. Horsemanship score will be the tiebreaker if there is a tie in the overall contest. 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

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

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. Contestants should submit a quality 4x6 headshot (vertical) photo in rodeo queen attire for the judges and for publication by Wednesday, June 27. Photo and contestant write up should be emailed to [staceymward@yahoo.com](mailto:staceymward@yahoo.com).

As with all contests, your appearance and personality will be judged at all times. Please be aware that online social media are 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.

### **Ticket Sales (up to 10 points)**

All contestants are required to sell a minimum of 75 rodeo tickets before August 3. 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 an envelope and turned in at 8:00 a.m. at the horsemanship competition. Last minute check writing will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be reported to judges. 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place = 6 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 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
- Trophy Buckle
- Rodeo Queen Sash
- Tiara suitable for a western hat and rodeo queen

**Winning the prizes in this contest is an honor, but they do not become yours until your reign is fulfilled. They 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**

### **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 16 and 21 as of FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018
- Provide committee with personal sponsor's name and fee of \$25.
- Sell a minimum of 75 rodeo tickets.
- Not have been previously married and/or pregnant.
- Not have been the prior Saint Jo Rodeo 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 August 3-4, 2018
- 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 the Saint Jo Royalty Committee before acquiring dual titles.

### **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 between the ages of 10 and 15 as of FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018
- Abide by all other requirements listed above in the Queen Contest section.

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

The new Saint Jo Rodeo 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 Jr 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: November 1, February 1 and May 1.
- Send thank you notes to each queen sponsor.* 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 Nancee Turlington by August 11. Please use the Riding Club's return address: PO Box 282, Saint Jo, TX 76265.

- Agree to represent Saint Jo Riding Club in an ethical way and exhibit good character and congeniality while reigning as rodeo queen.
- Ride horseback in both the Saint Jo Christmas and Saint Jo Rodeo parades with the Saint Jo Riding Club. If you have a conflict with the Christmas parade, please let the committee know at least 24 hours in advance.
- 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.
- Ride horseback in a minimum of 10 nights of rodeo grand entries in addition to the 2019 Saint Jo Rodeo. Royalty should remain in attendance at the rodeo in appropriate queen attire for the entire rodeo. Royalty is also required to ride in a minimum of 5 parades in addition to the Saint Jo Christmas Parade and Saint Jo Rodeo Parade while representing Saint Jo Rodeo. The royalty committee can provide you with dates and places of areas parades if needed.
- Go before the Saint Jo Royalty Committee and ask permission before running for any other queen pageant. We encourage you to run for state titles.
- Send a picture of herself in queen's attire to Nancee Turlington, royalty committee chair for publication.
- Create a scrapbook to be turned over to the Riding Club prior to the following year's rodeo. This scrapbook will be returned. It should show the places where the queen has represented the rodeo.
- 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.
- Ride horseback during the grand entry of the Saint Jo Rodeo and parade.
- Help contest director and committee during competition.
- Help crown the new queen.

# **Saint Jo Rodeo Princess Rules**

**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.**

Contestants 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 Wednesday, June 27, 2018 and sent or hand delivered to the Saint Jo Royalty Committee.

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## **Categories**

### **Ticket Sales (50 pts)**

All contestants must sell a minimum of 75 tickets to be eligible for the contest. *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.* Points will be given to the top four tickets sales earners. Ticket sales money and unsold tickets should be in an envelope and turned in at 8:00 a.m. at the horsemanship competition. Last minute check writing will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will be reported to judges. 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> place = 50 pts**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place = 35 pts**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place = 20 pts**

**4<sup>th</sup> place = 5 pts**

### **Personality (25 pts)**

Princess contestants should be friendly and outgoing. They should be able to talk to people of all ages. Personality score will be the tiebreaker category in the case of a tie of the overall title. They will be judged during the rodeo, parade, and during the luncheon interviews.

### **Appearance (25 pts)**

Princess contestants should be dressed in appropriate rodeo queen attire. Contestants should submit a quality headshot 4x6 (vertical) photo by Wednesday, June 27 as well as a write up about contestant. May be emailed to [staceymward@yahoo.com](mailto:staceymward@yahoo.com)

### **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 under 9 years of age or younger as of FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018.
- Live in Texas or Oklahoma.
- Sell a minimum of 75 pre-sale rodeo tickets.
- 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.

### **Saint Jo Rodeo Princess Fulfillment Checklist**

#### **The Saint Jo Rodeo Princess shall:**

- Send thank you notes to each sponsor. The sponsors of each individual award that has donated 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 Nancee Turlington by August 11. Please use the Riding Club's return address: PO Box 282, Saint Jo, TX 76265.
- Send a quality photo of herself in Princess attire to Nancee Turlington, Royalty Committee Chair for publication
- Encourage others to compete in the following years' contests.
- Must display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Be available for representing at the and 2019 Saint Jo Rodeo and Parade. We would also like you to ride in the Saint Jo Christmas Parade if possible.
- Be present during every portion of the next year's rodeo.
- Help contest director and committee during competition.
- Help crown the new Princess.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

<b>Sunday, June 10, 2018</b>	<p>5:00 PM – Sign-up meeting at the Saint Jo Rodeo Arena We understand that sometimes you may be unable to make this meeting. Please contact contest committee members at 940-727-1717 or 940-736-9919 if you want to run but are unable to attend.</p> <p><b>Applications and liability waivers must be turned in today.</b></p>
<b>Wednesday , June 27</b>	<p><b>Sponsorship fee must be hand delivered or postmarked by this date.</b></p> <p><b>Photo (4x6 vertical) and write up for the paper is due today as well.</b> These may be emailed to <a href="mailto:staceymward@yahoo.com">staceymward@yahoo.com</a></p>
<b>Friday, August 3</b>	<p>8:00 AM – Turn in tickets under concession stand pavilion. Horses should be warmed up by 8:00 and ready for horsemanship.</p> <p>8:00 PM – Meet behind the alley ready for the grand entry and queen’s introductory run.</p> <p>Contestants must stay entire length of rodeo in western attire and be visible to judges.</p>
<b>Saturday, August 4</b>	<p>10:00 AM – Brunch and interviews at the civic center on the east side of the square.</p> <p>Brunch is provided free for contestants. Please let Nancee know if you have parents or immediate family members attending. The cost for each person is \$10.</p> <p>Private interviews will follow the brunch.</p> <p>8:00 PM – Meet behind the alley ready for the rodeo. Ride in the grand entry and 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. <b>Newly crowned royalty should stay in royalty attire until the rodeo is completely over.</b></p>

## 2018 Saint Jo Rodeo Queen & Junior Queen Horsemanship Pattern

Friday, August 3, at Saint Jo Rodeo Arena

1. Be horseback and ready for your horsemanship patterns at 8:00 AM.
2. Horsemanship competition begins
  - a. Each contestant will perform the attached reining pattern. Please wait until your name is announced before entering the arena.
  - b. At the end of the reining pattern, contestant should turn facing the judges waiting for their signal.
  - c. **Contestant will then use the arena for free-style time, to show the ability of horse and rider. Two-minute time limit.** 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. Please disable password and set to airplane mode. Please also attach a sticky note with the song chosen and the girl it belongs to.
  - d. Contestant will walk to the current queen and dismount.
  - e. 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. Saturday night the new royalty should be visible, greeting people, and being helpful as needed.