



2017 Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen Contest

The Miss Grand National Contest is held annually to select a young lady who has the desire and enthusiasm to serve as a good-will ambassador for the sport of rodeo and the community.

Contest Date:

Saturday, October 22, 2016
8:00 am: Cow Palace
2600 Geneva Avenue
Daly City, CA 94014

Entry Deadline:

Post Marked by Thurs., September 1, 2016

Applications & Questions contact the Queen Coordinator:

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WHO IS MISS GRAND NATIONAL RODEO?

Miss Grand National Rodeo is a young lady, who wishes to promote the sport of rodeo, and in doing so, promotes the great Western way of life. She is the ideal Western type American girl who has an appealing appearance, a congenial personality and knowledge of the equine industry, our community, and the sport of rodeo.

WHAT TYPE OF YOUNG LADY DOES THE MISS GRAND NATIONAL RODEO CONTEST ATTRACT?

- A young lady who wishes to be a representative of the community she represents, as well as the rodeo.
- A young lady who loves horses and everything they represent, and who is willing to show the rest of our community what can be accomplished when surrounded by this environment.
- A young lady who portrays excellent sportsmanship and high moral ethical character.
- A young lady who understands the sport of rodeo and is able to explain and “sell” rodeo to anyone with whom she may come in contact, especially those unfamiliar with the sport.

- An ambitious young lady who is interested in furthering her chosen career through higher education or special training.
- A young lady who is able to speak intelligently and display dignity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Contest will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd 2016 at the Cow Palace.**
- Coronation will be during the **Evening Performance of the Grand National Rodeo on Saturday October 22, 2016.**
- Each contestant will be required to sell tickets to any of the four evening performances of the Grand National Rodeo; **a minimum of 50 tickets.**
 - You will receive a Ticket order form once you submit your completed application.
 - **Ticket forms and money to be turned in by October 6, 2016**
- There will be a Grand Prize of a Cow Palace Belt Buckle for the highest ticket sales
 - You must sell a minimum of 100 tickets to qualify for the belt buckle
 - ***Only 1 belt buckle will be awarded to the overall highest ticket seller over 100***

Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen Rules & Regulations

Qualifications for Entry

- Queen Contestants must not be less than 18 years or age or more than 24 years of age as of January 1, 2016;
- Contestants must never have been married;
- Contestants must not have had any children; and
- Contestants must be residents of California.
- Contestants may not be a current title holder representing any other organization.
- Each contestant will be required to sell a ***minimum of 50 tickets*** to any of the four evening performances of the Grand National Rodeo.
 - **Ticket forms and money to be turned in by October 6, 2016**
- Contestants must complete the contest application and submit required documents by application deadline **post marked Thurs., September 1, 2016.**
 - Required documents include:
 - Completed application
 - Two ready to frame black and white photos in 8" x 10" size.
 - Photo is to be a headshot in western apparel, including hat.
 - No personal crown or sash is allowed.
 - Electronic copy of the same photo in TIF, EPS, PDF, and/or JPG format (CD/UBS)
 - Application to be sent to Missi Elliot-Giorgi; 7201 Dusty Ln. Modesto, CA 9535

Contest Rules

- Final decision in all categories will be that of the judges and the Grand National Rodeo/The Cow Palace.
- Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted.
 - Evidence of coaching can be grounds for complete disqualification.
- Parents, friends, and relatives are welcome to attend any or all activities designated as public activities as long as they agree to abide by all rules and regulations for the activity.
- All contestants and winner of the contest are required to dress western when representing the Grand National/Cow Palace in any capacity.
 - Contestants/winner are required to provide their own wardrobes.

- The contestant's horsemanship ability, skill, and overall appearance, as well as the grooming and cleanliness of the horse and tack will be judged. The horses and equipment will not be judged
- Contestants are to provide their own transportation to and from the contest and all promotional activities.
- Each contestant must conduct herself in a professional manner; portray high moral standards and good sportsmanship, befitting the Grand National and setting a good example to the public, future competitors and the Cow Palace.
- All online content posted as a contestant for Miss Grand National Rodeo will uphold the standards expected should they receive the title of Miss Grand National Rodeo
 - Any inappropriate behavior or content found prior to during or following the contest may result in disqualification of the contestant/queen. As well as forfeiture of any and all found prior to during or following the contest prizes gained by participation in the Grand National Rodeo Queen Contest.
 - Sources of said behavior are including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Youtube, Vine, and the like.
 - Personal websites & blogs.
- Un-sportsmanship like conduct online or in person from parents, friends and relatives beginning from the time the application is received until the contest is over is not tolerated.
 - Any inappropriate behavior or content may result in disqualification of the contestant/queen. As well as forfeiture of any and all prizes gained by participation in the Grand National Rodeo Queen Contest.
- Contestants are not permitted at any time during the contest or as reigning queen to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use foul language in public.
- After the coronation, each contestant is expected to stay and behave appropriately as well as show good sportsmanship
 - Misconduct could cause ineligibility for future contests as well as removal of any prizes won.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

Judges will score entries individually. You will be judged in the following categories:

1. Appearance
 2. Horsemanship
 3. Poise and Personality
 4. 3-5 Minute Open Speech
 5. Impromptu Questions
 6. Interview
 7. Ticket Sales
 8. Knowledge of Grand National Rodeo, Horse Show & Livestock Show
 9. Miscellaneous-to be announced on the day of the contest
- **Appearance:** The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant who is highest in:
 - Attractiveness – appealing quality
 - Grooming – this should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
 - Photogenic Quality – Judges will see a picture of each contestant. A contestant's strength of character and personality are reflected strongly in a wholesome appearance. Also, the actual appearance of the contestant will be compared to the photo to determine similarity.
 - Posture.

- Professional behavior in every situation.
- Attire
 - Contestant's awareness of what is fashionable western dress with particular attention given to color coordination. Contestants should be aware of how the use of various color combinations can enhance appearance and eye appeal.
 - Judges will observe how a contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality, the length of her trousers and jackets, the crease and shape of her hat as well as how she carries out the "total look".
 - This is not a clothes contest, however, the contestants are expected to appear in "full western dress", which means a suit of pants, western blouse or shirt, jacket, hat, belt and boots at all times, unless otherwise specified. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination displayed by the contestants.
 - Contestants should be familiar with western wear, and more specifically, the outfits worn during competition.
- **Horsemanship:** Contestants will be required to perform a reining pattern that will be provided to them once their application is received. Prior to the reining pattern there will be a flat class in which all the contestants will ride in the arena together. The purpose of this division is to select the contestant who rates highest in:
 - Horsemanship – Control of mount and the way each situation is handled. The contestant will be required to mount and dismount and perform a queen's presentation ride as well as present the GNR Arena Flag
 - Balance – The ability to sit in a saddle.
 - Position of hands, feet, and seat.
 - Mounting and dismounting.
 - The understanding and skill of the contestant and the overall appearance (grooming and cleanliness) of horse and the equipment.
 - Each contestant will be interviewed on each of the following categories:
 - Knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, disease, anatomy, etc.
 - Knowledge of professional rodeo
 - History
 - Organization
 - Rodeo terminology or vernacular
 - Explanation of standard events
- Dress wear for horsemanship is:
 - Wrangler Jeans and Western Shirt
 - Hat, boots, and belt are required.
 - Chaps are *not* permitted.
 - Hats must be secured to ensure that they do not come off while performing.
- Since a contestant's personality projects from horseback to the audience and judges, showmanship should be considered.
- Excessive use of spurs will not be permitted.
 - *Contestants are required to warm up their own horses. If anyone other than the contestant is seen on the horse in the main arena this could be grounds for*

disqualification.

- **Poise and Personality:** The purpose of this division is to select the contestant who rates highest in:
 - Intelligence – Good common sense and logic.
 - Education – Good grammar and general education.
 - Conversational ability in varied areas.
 - Sense of humor.
 - Genuine interest in other people, noticeable consideration of others, and good sportsmanship at all times.
 - Projection – Ability to project one’s personality whether from horseback in an arena, on television, or before an audience.
 - Showmanship – Being able to present oneself in a gracious manner.
 - Happy outlook on life in general.
 - Promptness in keeping pageant schedule.
 - Ability to keep composure in public.
- **3-5 Minute Open Speech:** Prepare a 3-5 minute speech to perform in front of the judges and spectators the day of the queen contest. The speeches will be done after horsemanship. Because you will be required to make public appearances as a representative and liaison for the Grand National Rodeo, you will be judged upon your public speaking abilities.
 - Among other criteria, you will be judged on:
 - Preparedness
 - Presentation
 - Voice
 - Enthusiasm
 - Delivery
 - Effectiveness
 - Value and validity of the information you present
- **Impromptu Questions:** Each contestant will be asked several general ‘impromptu’ questions about herself and rodeo knowledge. The judges will score each contestant according to how well she presents herself, her composure and mannerisms while answering the questions. This will be added to her final scoring.
- **Personal Interview:** Each contestant will have a 10-15 min interview.
- **Miscellaneous:** To be announced on the day of the contest. Each contestant will be asked to perform an impromptu task that relates to possible queen duties.

TICKET SALES:

Ticket Sales for any of the four Rodeo Performances will account for 5% of the overall score. Full points will be awarded for contestants who sell **100 tickets or more**. Each contestant will receive a ticket form when their completed application is received. There will be **1 overall Grand National Cow Palace Belt Buckle Awarded** to the highest ticket Seller (must sell 100 tickets to be in the running for the Buckle).

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Include two 8 x 10 black and white, same pose, headshots in western hat and outfit with your entry. One will be sent to your local paper with a press release, and the other will be kept with your entry for photogenic judging. The pictures should be taken without any crown or sash.

Also, please provide TIF, EPS, PDF, and/or JPG format of the picture on a CD /USB Stick with your application.

DRESS CODE:

Horsemanship (**outfit #1**) should be a pair of Wranglers, a western shirt, boots, belt, and western cowboy hat.

Speech and impromptu (**outfit #2**) should be shirt and skirt, or a dress, all to be worn with boots, a belt, western cowboy hat and accessories.

Interview (**optional outfit #3**) a suit, shirt and skirt or a dress with boots, a belt western cowboy hat and accessories. (Please note: You do not have to have a third outfit, you may wear outfit #2 for your interview as well).

Queen Agreement:

If I become Miss Grand National Rodeo I agree to:

- Avail myself of all opportunities to appear as Miss Grand National Rodeo to the public and to be prepared for photographs and interview opportunities at all time to promote the Grand National, the Cow Palace and the sport of rodeo.
- I agree that throughout my reign as Miss Grand National Rodeo Queen, I shall remain unmarried and shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior in public and online.
- I agree that my behavior and all posts reflecting myself will be befitting my title and setting a good example to the public, future competitors, The Grand National and the Cow Palace.
 - This is including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Youtube, Vine, and the like.
 - Personal websites & blogs.
 - Content posted by others in which the likeness of Miss Grand National Rodeo is used or associated.
 - Improper content found online or in public can be subject to disciplinary action up to and when necessary including the removal of her title of Miss Grand National Rodeo.
- That I will not at any time during the contest or as reigning queen drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use foul language in public.
 - Violation of this may result in the removal of the title of Miss Grand National Rodeo.
- I agree to provide my own horse and transportation to all events as necessary

By entering into this contest and assuming the title of Miss Grand National Rodeo I agree that I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations and will abide by these rules during the entire Miss Grand National Rodeo Pageant and during my reign as Miss Grand National Rodeo, should I earn the title.

NOTE: The above rules and regulations are designed for your safety and to keep the contest running properly and in a professional manner.