Mission Statement

To provide a quality Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant where Contestants, Spectators, and Memberships are enriched, Selecting a Member of Good Will, Integrity, and Dignity to represent themselves and Teton County within our
Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Rules and Regulations

1. WHO IS MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO ROYALTY?
Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo is someone who wishes to further promote the sport of rodeo and the great western way of life. She is the ideal western type American girl who will represent professional rodeo and Teton County, believes in the western heritage, and will work hard promoting these values during her reign and travels.

2. WHAT TYPE OF YOUNG LADIES DOES THE MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO ROYALTY PAGEANT ATTRACT?
   - Any young lady that wishes to be a leader and representative of Teton County, and further promote the western way of life.
   - Any young lady who loves horses and everything they represent, and who is willing to show the rest of the world what can be accomplished surrounded by this environment.
   - Any young lady who wants to act as an official representative of Teton County Fair and Rodeo to the general public; portraying good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflecting careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo enough to be able to explain and sell rodeo to anyone with whom she may come into contact, and be able to speak intelligently with dignity and sincere interest in rodeo.
   - She should realize that Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty is not a “beauty pageant” however, she should act, speak, and dress according to the prestige the title deserves.

3. HOW CAN A YOUNG LADY BECOME MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO ROYALTY?
   - To be eligible to compete in the Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant, one must meet all requirements outlined in the official rules and regulations of the Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant.
   - One must be a resident of Teton County for at least one year on the date of the pageant.

1. Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Contestant Age Requirements
   a. Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen
      19-24 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. She will go on to represent Teton County in the same year at the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Competition. These contestants will be required to raise $200.00 or more from a sponsor(s). Their pattern will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.
   b. Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Lady In Waiting
      18-22 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. She will be Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen the following year, if qualifies. These contestants will be required to raise $200.00 or more from a sponsor(s). Their horsemanship pattern will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.
   c. Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Senior Princess
      15-17 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. These contestants will be required to raise $100.00 or more from a sponsor(s). Their horsemanship pattern will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.
   d. Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Junior Princess
11-14 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. These contestants will be required to raise $100.00 or more from a sponsor(s). Their horsemanship pattern will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.

e. **Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Peewee Princess**

8-10 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. These contestants will be required to raise $100.00 or more from a sponsor(s). They will be required to do a “Figure 8” pattern, back their horse up, and do a Queen Lap at the end of the pattern.

f. **Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Future Princess**

5-7 years old as of January 1st of the competition year. These contestants will be required to raise $100.00 or more from a sponsor(s). No Horsemanship required.

ALL SPONSORSHIP MONIES AND ENTRY FORM ARE DUE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE PAGEANT DATE AT THE TETON COUNTY FAIR OFFICE. A PHOTO FOR THE PAGEANT PROGRAM WILL BE TAKEN AT THE QUEEN CLINIC.

2. **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

   a. **Residency:** Contestant must be a citizen of the United States. Contestant must be a resident of Teton County for one year as of pageant date producing driver’s license or voter’s registration and physical address as proof if needed. If the contestant does not have a driver’s license or a voter’s registration, the parent or guardians of the pageant contestant Affidavit may be accepted.

   b. **Education:** *Queen and Lady IN Waiting Contestants* must be a High School graduate and will produce diploma as proof upon request (or equivalent).

   c. **Gender:** Contestant must be female and have always been female.

   d. **Marital Status:** Contestant must not be married and never have been married, shall not be engaged at the time of her crowning, and agrees not to enter into engagement for the duration of her reign. It is expected that no member of the Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty shall live with any male other than immediate family during her reign.

   e. **Parental Status:** Contestant must not be the parent of any child, must not be pregnant, and must have never been pregnant.

   f. **Good Character:** Contestant is of good moral character and has never been committed or involved in an act of moral misconduct.

   g. **No Criminal Record:** Contestant must not have been, and must not get convicted of any crime or misdemeanor during her reign (excluding minor traffic offenses).

   h. **Health:** Is in good health and does not have any health concerns which would prevent a contestant from fully participating in this contest or from serving as Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty if selected.

   i. **Substance Abuse:** Does not use and will not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed.) Does not abuse Alcohol or other dangerous substances.

   j. **No other Acts Detrimental to Reputation:** Have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to the contestant’s reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of the Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant.
k. **Title Holder:** There is no limit to the number of times an individual can compete for any title of the Miss Teton Co. Fair Rodeo Royalty as long as the contestant meets eligibility and age requirements.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY AND ALL OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE CONTESTANTS CROWN, ALL AWARDS AND TITLE, ENDING HER REIGN IMMEDIATELY.**

3. **REIGN OF MISS TETON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO ROYALTY AND REQUIREMENTS**

a. All Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty will begin reign JANUARY 1, of the year immediately following the year she is chosen and will run for one full year. (JANUARY 1 until JANUARY 1).

b. The winner of Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen will be required to represent Teton County at the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas, Wyoming in August of that competition year. Failure to complete her reign as Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen (except in extreme cases due to health) or to compete in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant, shall obligate the contestant to reimburse the Teton County Fair Board and all sponsors for all the monies and awards won and/or received as Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen. Winner of Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen will also be **required** to attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Clinic.

c. Any young lady who wishes to become Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen must FIRST be Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Lady In Waiting the year before she would receive her queen title. This means that whoever is Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Lady In Waiting will be Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen the following year. Lady In Waiting must attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant as a spectator to prepare for competition the following year and will also be **required** to attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Clinic.

d. If there is no one eligible to run for Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Lady In Waiting, the current Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen may obtain written permission from the Teton County Fair Board to run for Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen the next year, however she is only allowed to hold the title for a maximum of 3 years. The Teton County Fair Board must vote on this decision and be in favor with half of the members plus 1.

e. If for some reason any of the contestants are unable to fulfill their reign (except in the case of future princesses), the Fair Board reserves the right to name a successor. In Cases of the Queen, the Lady In Waiting will be deemed the successor. In all Princess cases, the attendant with the highest scores will be deemed the successor.

f. **Requirements-**

- All Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Title Holders under the age of 14 (as of Jan. 1) must be accompanied by an adult at all functions they are required to attend representing Teton County.

- All Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Title Holders are required to participate in at least one of these events; the Old West Days Parade (Saturday of Memorial Weekend) and/or the Fourth of July Parade. This includes Future Princesses and all Attendants.

- All Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Title Holders are required to participate at both Teton County Fair Rodeo’s and Grand Entry’s. **Please note: For safety concerns, Future Princesses are NOT allowed to ride in any grand entry at any Rodeo in Jackson Hole, this includes fair.** Future Princesses will come out of the Bucking Chutes, unless other
arrangements have been made. There are no exceptions to this rule.

- All Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty must participate in at least 3 events that require the girls to hand out ribbons during the Fair, unless there is not enough allotted room on the schedule to fit all the contestants. This includes all Future Princesses and all Attendants, Lady In Waiting and Queen.

- Jackson Hole Rodeo is not part of the Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty responsibilities; however it is a great opportunity and recommended that you attend, but not required.

- At the Rodeo’s and any public appearances you attend representing Teton County you must wear appropriate queen attire and present yourself as an example of positive influence to elders, peers and youngsters as they know you are representing Teton County and you are accountable for behavior and presentation at all times by accepting this title.

- Teton County Fair Queen’s Closet; clothing will be distributed at the beginning of the reign to all current title holders. Clothing must be returned at the end of the season, cleaned and ready for use. A credit card guarantee form must be on file at the Fair Office. If items are not cleaned and returned at the end of the season the card will be charged a cleaning fee and or replacement cost of item.

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4. **JUDGING GUIDELINES**
   Only one Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Queen may be given out each year. One Princess title per age group may be given out each year. The 2nd and 3rd runner up contestants in all divisions will receive a “Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Attendant” title.

   a. A panel of at least 3 judges will be selected. A contestant’s score will consist of the total of these 3 judge’s scores.

   b. The Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant is judged in 3 categories, all of which are equal: Horsemanship, Personality, and appearance. The judges have been instructed as to the type of girl the Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty contest seeks, exemplifying: sincerity, integrity, attractiveness, intelligence, high moral standards, maturity, public speaking ability, horsemanship ability, and knowledge of professional rodeo, current events, and horse science.

   c. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition; horsemanship, personality, and appearance, etc. They should all have a knowledge of western dress, should be knowledgeable about the sport of professional rodeo, and they should be experienced western type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging horse events.

   d. All decisions of the judges are final.

   e. Ties for all title winners and attendants will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e., the contestant with the higher score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

5. **FORMAL COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCESS**
   Any complaint that is filed in regard to any Miss Teton County Fair and Rodeo Royalty Pageant
operations or issues must be submitted to the Teton County Fair Board and adhere to the following:

a. All complaints must be submitted in writing.
b. Complaints must include the name, address and daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint.
c. The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible in order for appropriate action to be taken.
d. Complaints must be signed and dated.
e. If a response to the complaint is desired, a letter must indicate so.
f. Research and information will be gathered about the situation, and then the involved parties will be notified and given the opportunity to provide a response.
g. The Teton County Fair Board will vote to determine any necessary action that may need to be taken.
h. Any complaints that do not follow the above process will be classified as invalid.

PAGEANT DIVISIONS

1. APPEARANCE
   a. Attractiveness- this should also include inner beauty.
   b. Grooming- Neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hair, hats, boots, and other wearing apparel.
   c. Poise and Posture- Lady-Like behavior in every situation.

2. PERSONALITY
   a. Intelligence- Good common sense.
   b. Education- Conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
   c. Self-Projection- Ability to project one’s personality, whether it is from horseback in an arena, or before an audience. Also to be considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, and enthusiasm.
   d. Happy outlook on life in general.
   e. Promptness in keeping pageant schedule.
   f. Public Appearance- includes public appearances of contestants where they will be asked to answer impromptu questions, and present a speech. Both of these categories require her to show maturity, intelligence, wisdom, and imagination.
   g. Speech- Each Contestant running for Peewee Princess will be required to give a 30 second- 1 minute speech about Rodeo and/or Wyoming or current Fair Theme. Each contestant running for Junior Princess will be required to give a 1 to 1 and ½ minute speech about Rodeo and/or Wyoming or current Fair Theme. Each contestant running for Senior Princess, Lady In Waiting, and Queen will be required to give a 2 to 2 and ½ minute speech on Rodeo and/or Wyoming or current Fair Theme. Judging for the speech will be based on content, delivery, and the time allotted for the presentations.

3. HORSEMANSHIP
   All contestants need to bring their own horse.
   a. Horsemanship- Control of the Mount and the way any situation that may occur is handled. This includes execution of pattern, speed, and use of arena.
   b. Balance- Ability to sit a saddle.
   c. Positions of Hand, Feet, and seat.
   d. Mounting and Dismounting.
   e. Saddling- Knowledge and ability, safety, confidence and ease and awareness of properly fitting tack. This portion is optional and requested at the judge’s discretion.
f. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or the equipment.

g. Attire for horsemanship is a white form-fitting blouse or shirt with long-sleeves and with shirttail tucked in. Denim Jeans (any color), hat and boots required. No Vests or Jackets. Gloves are optional, chaps are not allowed.

h. The Order will start with the Queen Contestant, and move down through seniority rank (Senior Princess, then Junior Princess, etc.). The order within each title division will be alphabetical by the last name. If two girls are competing in the same title division with the same last name, the first name may then be used to determine the order.

i. Stallion's are not allowed for any portion of the competition.

4. Interviews
   a. Each Contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges the day of the pageant. (This does NOT include the future princesses.) Each contestant will also do a Horsemanship Interview immediately following their Horsemanship Pattern.
   b. Questions asked may test the contestant's knowledge of Rodeo, Horsemanship, Horse Science, Current Events, or personal (goals etc.). This could include but is not limited to: horse tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc.; knowledge of professional rodeo, its history, organization, rodeo terminology or vernacular, standard events, championship standings, and awareness of the PRCA and WPRA/PWRA.

5. Impromptu and Ice-Breaker Questions
   a. Each contestant will be asked one Impromptu question and one Icebreaker question. The Impromptu question will immediately follow their speech and may be about topics such as Rodeo, Current Events, or Horsemanship. The Ice-Breaker Question will immediately follow the contestants modeling of a western outfit, and will cover topics such as Personal Goals, or something Fun.

6. Modeling
   a. Contestants will participate in a fashion show on stage in front of the judges and audience. Contestants are required to wear proper western attire (Skirt and Blouse with boots and a hat, or Dress with Boots and a Hat. Future Princesses may be allowed to wear Jeans with a Blouse, Hat, and Boots.)
   b. The ability to show the outfit on stage with poise, grace and good stage presence will be considered.

7. Grand Entry
   a. Any contestant running for the title of Junior Princess or of a higher seniority is required to perform one lap around the arena carrying a flag the size of the Opening Ceremony sponsor flag for the current year Rodeo Season. This will immediately follow their Queen Run Lap.
   b. Any contestant running for Peewee Princess or any title of a higher seniority must do one unattended Queen Run Lap around the arena once they are dismissed from their horsemanship interview.
   c. Future princesses are welcome to attend horsemanship portion of pageant; however will not be required to ride a horse.