

# JUNIOR HIGH QUEEN CONTEST JUDGES GUIDELINES

The contests rules and regulations are outlined in the NHSRA RULE BOOK. With the exception of the dress code. Please read carefully and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call. The dress code for the UJHRA contest will be as follows.

**Jr. High Speech/Modeling/Interview Attire:** Long sleeve shirt (No jackets or vests) with sleeves extending to the wrist and a collar. The collar is to be at least (1) inch on the neck. It can be a mock style collar which raises straight up on the neck or a lapel style collar that folds down on the shirt. Shirt may be tucked in or out but must have a belt with buckle. Any contestant dressed in attire other than specified will be penalized 5 points per judge, max. of 15 points. (same as NHSRA rules).

**Horsemanship Attire** is the same as high school attire: white shirt, collar, cuffs, button down the front, no ruffles, no accessories, no tuxedo shirts, and no embellishments. Blue jeans, Wrangler or Cinch jeans are okay where the Junior High Queen contest is not a National Junior High Event.

**Speeches for Jr. High are 2 minutes.** No topic. At the end of the 2 minutes, a timer or alarm will sound or time will be called. Contestant may finish sentence.

Judges are asked to not discuss contestants or any portion of the contest with each or others who may be present during the contest. Judges should not mingle with parents or friends during the contest.

As a reminder, this is a learning experience for the contestants, so they should never receive a 0 in any category **EXCEPT** in horsemanship, where a contestant should receive a 0 from each judge, if she falls off or is bucked off her horse.

## **MODELING: 1-25pts**

Poise and smile (self-projection)  
Choreography of pattern (difficulty of maneuver)  
Eye contact with judges and audience  
Balance and coordination (no wobbles on turns)  
Use of stage area

## **SPEECH: 1-50PTS**

Two minute speech: buzzer or bell should sound at end of 2 min. Contestant is allowed to finish sentence only!  
Credibility, presentation, and proper movement  
Grammar and content  
Enunciation and voice projection (manner of speaking clear)  
Overall expression (smile, eye contact, remember words)

### **APPEARANCE: 1-25 PTS**

Over all appearance. (clothing clean, boots clean, ect.)

Posture and fitness (overall impression)

Presentation of smile and poise (thru entire contest) Presentation of excellence (hair, use of makeup)

Clothing style and fashion (NHSRA approved: no jackets or vest: plain white shirt For horsemanship)

### **IMPROMPTU: 1-25 PTS**

Composure, confidence and reaction

Answer applicability to topic (knowledge humor, and compassion)

Grammar

Ability to handle one's self in a professional manner

Presentation (development and closure)

Contestants will be isolated during the impromptu. **ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION.** Contestants will not be allowed to leave the isolated area until it is their turn to compete and no one will be allowed to contact the isolated contestants.

### **PERSONAL INTERVIEW: 1-50 PTS**

Questions may not include topics of religion or sex

Impression of interviewer (self-projection, presentation)

Clarity and confidence

Knowledge of subjects. (Current events, animal husbandry, rodeo, etc.) Personality (includes character, charm, sincerity; ect)

Interviews will be conducted in a private area. **Only the contestant and judges in attendance.** Judges ask each contestant the same questions. Interview should be between 5-10 min. Each contestant is allowed the same amount of time.

### **HORSEMANSHIP: 1-50 PTS**

Horsemanship patterns should not be altered in any way. There

Will be only one go around of horsemanship. Things to look for:

Hands, feet and seat Riders balance and bounce. Hands in correct position. Elbows should not bounce. Hand should be above and in front of horn

Straight line from her shoulder, to hip, to her toe.

Heels down, not flat or up. Over-all look and confidence ;

1. Horse's appearance-cleanliness, grooming. ect
2. Contestant cleanliness, plain white shirt (no extra's)
3. Hat and Boot cleanliness.

# JR HIGH QUEEN COORDINATOR PACKET

Thank you, for the time and effort, that you have donated towards the High School Queen contest, it is greatly appreciated.

**In abidance with the National Rules: No Judge or Queen Coordinator can be related to or live in the same house hold as any contestant contesting in the Queen Contest.**

It is highly recommended that Queen Contests be held on Friday mornings prior to a 3:00 P.M. rodeo or at a time when the girls do not have to miss any more school than necessary. Pending it is prior to the clubs rodeo. No contest will begin before 4:00 P.M the day preceding a one-day rodeo. We need to make every effort to limit the amount of time our contestants are required to miss school in order to participate.

These are the guidelines that need to be followed as you coordinate your queen contest, which can be found in the National High School Rodeo rule book. This packet is for your convenience and a guide line for your judges to follow.

At least 1 week prior to your contest, all judges will be provide with the following (which is included in packet)

1. Judges score sheet
2. The Horsemanship Pattern to use will be Pattern 1 or 2 from the High School patterns.
3. UHSRA Guidelines for Queen Contest.

Before your contest, you must meet with your judges, to discuss information contained here and answer questions. If it would be helpful a member of the Executive Board will be happy to meet with your judges, if you let us know when and where.

Judging must consist of Five Judges. Judges must not discuss contestants or any portion of the contest with each other or others who may be present during the contest. Judges should not mingle with parents, friends, during the contest. The Same Five judges will judge all portions of the contest.

## **SELECTING YOUR JUDGES:**

Because of concerns about the qualifications of the judges, it is required that your judges meet some standards:

1. Horse knowledge
2. Rodeo background
3. Former queen/ queen's family
4. Anyone who has attended queen clinics
5. No one under the age of 20yrs. old should be allowed to judge.
6. Anyone that has previously judged a Jr. H. Queen contest in the last 3 months should not be used to rejudge. Any other questions please contact your queen director.
7. A judge should not be coaching or have a close relationship with any contestants.

## **TIE'S**

All ties will be broke with the test; this is a National Rule and will be in rule book when new books are printed. Except at State Finals where 6 judges are required. The sixth judge is an alternate whose scores will be used in case of a tie. And only to break a tie.

## **VISITORS AT CONTEST:**

Should a member of the Executive Board or Reigning Royalty attend your contest, they are your GUEST, and should only assist you as requested. You are responsible for and in charge of your contest. It is not necessary for the past Queen to set the pattern or relinquish her crown. However, many of the girls feel this is an honor, and it would be nice if you invited them and let them help with your contest, as you see appropriate. Questions should be referred to the State Queen Director or State Secretary.

## **CONTESTANT DRAW:**

The draw is provided by the State Secretary for the Queen contestant, is the official draw and will be used for the contest. Contestants must compete in the order of the official draw. Contestants will not be allowed to redraw at the contest. Contestants will be identified by their official draw number only. They will not be introduced by name until the Royalty is crowned. OPTIONAL: Horsemanship may be reverse draw. Contestants need to be notified when they pick up their numbers.

## **MODELING**

The contestants typically model to music if you can provide it. Anything clean and appropriate is acceptable. Most of the time country music is used. Each girl should model around 1 minute but it doesn't need to be timed.

## **SPEECHES**

Speeches are 2 minutes. No topic. At the end of the 2 minutes, a bell or alarm should ring or time will be called. Contestant may finish sentence.

## **TEST**

Test will be conducted in a private area with only the contestants and Monitor present. Once tests have been handed to contestants, they will not be allowed to leave the room until they have completed the test, signed with their name and number on top and given to monitor(s). Contestants will not be allowed to bring anything into the test area. (Rulebooks or other written material, previous tests, ECT.) The contestants may not sit by each other. Contestants may review and keep their test or be given a copy of their test after the contest is over. A new test should be prepared each year by the Queen host. The test must follow the NHSRA Rulebook. Jr. High sections only: 25 Questions. Each Question is worth 1 point. 9 true/false, 9 multiple choice, 7 fill in the blanks.

## **HORSEMANSHIP**

The state director will assign you a horsemanship pattern. The patterns are on the Website. Horsemanship patterns should not be altered in any way. There will be only one go around of horsemanship.

**For your club flier it is suggested you include the Date, Time, Location, whether you are doing horsemanship or stage/interview categories first, and the Horsemanship Pattern number that was assigned.**

**Please contact the State Director if you have any questions**

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