

HIGH SCHOOL QUEEN CONTEST JUDGE'S GUIDELINES

Judges are asked to 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 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. (NHSRA Rulebook)

MODELING: 1-25 PTS

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

Modeling is not timed, but the contestants are asked to keep it around one minute long.

SPEECH: 1-50 PTS

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)

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; etc)
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.

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.

The Contestant will not be able to read the question off of the paper. It will be read aloud to her so she can respond. That is how it is done at Nationals.

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)

Speech/Modeling Attire: Contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, jeans and shirts.

Horsemanship Attire: Cinch/Cruel Denim blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shirt with collar, cuffs, button down the front, no ruffles, no accessories, no tuxedo shirts, and no embellishments.

All blouses, dresses, and shirts worn in the Queen Contest must have long 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.

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. etc
2. Contestant cleanliness, plain white shirt (no extra's)
3. Hat and Boot cleanliness.