

Rules

Horse requirements- Each contestant will be allowed one horse for competition. This includes grand entries, introductions, barrels & horseman-skill judging. You may use a different horse for the open speed show if you participate. Any rider the committee feels is not in control of her horse will be asked to leave the arena.

Sponsors- Each contestant must have a sponsor and or sponsors, but only one must be designated on your official sash. The more sponsors a contestant has will help defray the cost of pageant preparation.

Michigan Law- Requires a negative coggins test. A copy of the test is to be turned in before the actual event and an original will be checked upon arrival to the rodeo grounds so have them available. Also Interstate health certificates for out of state horses.

Parents, relatives, or friends of the contestants are welcome and encouraged to attend all open events at which the contestants will be present.(on interview/oral biography day or night space may be limited due to being held indoors)

Contestant must be single, never to have been married and have no children. If a contestant becomes pregnant during her reign, she shall forfeit her crown and all the benefits derived from the pageant.

Contestants may not at any time leave the rodeo pageant until after the 2nd rodeo performance is completed and photos and autographs are done.

All contestants will vote amongst themselves to determine the award of Miss Congeniality for queen and princess contestants.

Spurs are permitted, contestants must use appropriately.

You may not bring or ride a stallion.

No chaps allowed.

Split or barrel reins are allowed.

Helmets are required for barrels but are optional during the rest of the events(horsemanship, grand entries, introductions, parade, etc.)

For barrels you may use a hackamore, tie down and breast collar and may ride with two hands.

For the horsemanship pattern you must use a bit(shank bits are recommended but snaffles are allowed as long as your horse is in control), must ride with one hand and you may use a tie down and breast collar.