

MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO

2020-2021

PAGEANT RULE BOOK
& CONTESTANT INFO

WELCOME CONTESTANTS!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING THE 2020-2021 ECYR QUEEN OR PRINCESS. HERE IS A LITTLE INFORMATION OF WHAT MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO IS.

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ROYALLY PROMOTING OUR WESTERN WAY OF LIFE

WHO IS MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO?

MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO SYMBOLIZES THE YOUTH OF OUR STATE WHO WISH TO PROMOTE RODEO, AND IN DOING SO PROMOTE THE GREAT WESTERN WAY OF LIFE. SHE IS THE IDEAL WESTERN TYPE AMERICAN GIRL AND WILL REPRESENT RODEO AS SHE TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE COUNTRY.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO?

WHILE SPREADING GOODWILL FOR HER COMMUNITY AND STATE, MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO IS GARNERING THE RICHEST EXPERIENCES OF HER LIFE AND LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR HER FUTURE .

WHAT TYPE OF GIRL DOES THE MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO COMPETITION ATTRACT?

- A. THE GIRL WHO WISHES TO BE A LEADER IN HER COMMUNITY, AND FURTHER PROMOTE THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE ON A LOCAL AND STATE BASIS.
- B. THE GIRL WHO LOVES THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE AND EVERYTHING IT REPRESENTS, AND WHO WANTS TO SHOW THE REST OF THE WORLD WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE SURROUNDED BY THIS ENVIRONMENT .
- C. A GIRL WHO PORTRAYS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, HIGH MORALS, AND ETHICAL CHARACTER, AND ADVOCATES CAREFUL AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. SHE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE SPORT OF RODEO IN ITS ENTIRETY OF ANIMALS. SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN AND “SELL” RODEO TO ANYONE SHE MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH. SHE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK INTELLIGENTLY, WITH DIGNITY AND SINCERE INTEREST IN RODEO. SHE SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO PAGEANT IS NOT A “BEAUTY” PAGEANT. HOWEVER, SHE SHOULD ACT, SPEAK, AND DRESS ACCORDING TO THE PRESTIGE THAT THE TITLE DESERVES.
- D. THE AMBITIOUS GIRL WHO IS INTERESTED IN FURTHERING HER EDUCATION AND CHOSEN CAREER.

HOW LONG IS THE REIGN OF MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO?

MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO WILL BEGIN HER REIGN THE SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CROWNING CEREMONY AT FINALS. HER REIGN WILL LAST FOR ONE YEAR AND WILL OFFICIALLY END ON SUNDAY AT FINALS OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR WHEN SHE WILL ASSIST IN THE CROWNING OF A NEW MISS EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO QUEEN.

THERE WILL BE ONE QUEEN SELECTED FROM (AGE GROUP 14-19) AND ONE PRINCESS SELECTED FROM (AGE GROUP 9-13) TO SERVE AND REPRESENT OUR ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 YEAR.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES?

THE QUEEN WILL CARRY ALL FLAGS TO ALL RODEOS (UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT) INCLUDING BENEFITS, AND FINALS. THE QUEEN WILL SELECT THE FLAG CARRIERS FOR THE SEASON AND COORDINATE THE GRAND ENTRY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO HELP WITH OTHER DUTIES OF ECYRA SUCH AS: ATTEND OR REPRESENT ECYRA IN OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS IF NEEDED, ROCKIN' G RODEOS CALLAHAN CHRISTMAS PARADE ETC.... IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE QUEEN AND PRINCESSES TO SELL 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS A TOTAL OF 6 TIMES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. THE PRESIDENT WILL DIRECT YOU WHEN TO SELL 50/50 TICKETS, AND ASSIST WITH OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES IF APPLICABLE. THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS ARE TO EACH SELL \$250.00 IN SPONSORSHIP MONEY FOR THE 2020-2021 REINING YEAR. ALL SPONSORSHIP MONIES ARE DUE BY JANUARY RODEO 2021. IN THE EVENT THE QUEEN AND/OR PRINCESS IS IN MULTIPLE RODEO EVENTS, PARENTS OF THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS MAY FULFIL HER DUTIES FOR SELLING 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL AT ALL TIMES. THIS INCLUDES **NO SMOKING, DRINKING, OR FOUL LANGUAGE**. THIS INCLUDES THE IMPROPER USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO FACEBOOK, TWITTER, YOUTUBE, MYSPACE, INSTAGRAM, SNAPCHAT OR ANY OTHER FORMS THEREOF. THIS ALSO INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, PICTURES, VIDEOS, ETC.

CONTESTANTS ENTERING THE QUEEN'S CONTEST MUST NOT BE NOR HAVE EVER BEEN MARRIED AND/OR PREGNANT.

IN THE EVENT THE QUEEN IS NOT ABLE TO FULFILL HER REIGN AS QUEEN, SHE WILL RELINQUISH HER CROWN & SASH AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 1ST RUNNER UP WHO WILL SERVE IN HER PLACE.

IN THE EVENT THE QUEEN IS NOT ABLE TO BE PRESENT AT ONE OF THE RODEOS, IT IS **HER RESPONSIBILITY** TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRINCESS. SHE MUST COORDINATE TRANSPORTATION OF FLAGS SHOULD THEY BE IN HER POSSESSION.

IT IS THE QUEEN AND PRINCESSES RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE AND PROMOTE THE CONTEST FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S FINALS AND GRAND ENTRY PERFORMANCES.

PRINCESS: IT IS THE PRINCESS'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST THE QUEEN IN ALL OF THE SAID LISTED DUTIES ABOVE.

INCENTIVES:

THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS WILL RECEIVE **TWO (2) FREE ENTRIES** PER RODEO WEEKEND DURING THEIR REIGNING YEAR (EXCLUDING THEIR YEAR-END FINALS) THE PRESIDENT WILL PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS TO MAKE SURE SHE IS FULFILLING HER DUTIES.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

PRINCESS: (9-13) MUST HAVE OBTAINED THE AGE OF 9 BY JANUARY 1, 2019 BUT NOT HAVE OBTAINED THE AGE OF 14 ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020.

QUEEN: (14-19) MUST HAVE OBTAINED THE AGE OF 14 ON JANUARY 1, 2019 BUT MUST NOT HAVE OBTAINED THE AGE OF 19 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

A. EACH CONTESTANT MUST COMPLETELY FILL IN AND SIGN AN OFFICIAL E.C.Y.R. ENTRY APPLICATION.

B. THE **NON-REFUNDABLE** PAGEANT ENTRY FEE OF \$40.00 MUST BE PAID BY THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR CONTESTANT BY THE REQUIRED DATE THAT IS LISTED ON THE ENTRY APPLICATION. ALL PAYMENT TYPES ARE ACCEPTED.

C. E.C.Y.R.A. MUST RECEIVE ENTRY APPLICATION AT THE EMAIL/MAILING ADDRESS INDICATED ON THE APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED LATER THAN THE CLOSING DATE PROVIDED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

D. 8X10 COLOR PHOTO **MUST** BE TURNED INTO PAGEANT DIRECTOR BY REQUIRED DATE LISTED ON APPLICATION.

CATEGORIES:

PHOTOGENIC – 10%

POISE & PERSONALITY – 10%

SPEECH/PUBLIC SPEAKING/INTERVIEW – 30%

HORSEMANSHIP – 50%

PHOTOGENIC:

EACH CONTESTANT WILL NEED TO SUBMIT 8X10 (HEAD AND SHOULDER) COLOR PHOTO TO BE JUDGED. THESE PHOTOS ARE DUE BY APRIL 5TH. CONTESTANT WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE IN THE CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE THE MISS PHOTOGENIC AWARD AND COUNTS TOWARD TOTAL POINTS.

POISE & PERSONALITY:

THIS CATEGORY WILL BE JUDGED THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST. KEEP IN MIND, YOU WILL BE JUDGED AT ANY TIME THE JUDGES SEE YOU DURING THE CONTEST, SO SMILE!

SPEECH/PUBLIC SPEAKING/INTERVIEW:

THE CONTESTANTS WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHOW THEIR TALENTS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING, MODEL AND PROMOTE ECYRA. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT JUDGES MIGHT ASK. EACH CONTESTANT WILL HAVE AN INTERVIEW BEFORE THE PANEL OF JUDGES. SHE WILL BE ASKED QUESTIONS BY THE JUDGES IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON SUBJECTS LIKE RODEO, HORSEMANSHIP (WHICH INCLUDES THE CARE AND ANATOMY OF YOUR HORSE) AND ECYRA RULES FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.ECYRA.COM

ALL QUEEN CONTESTANTS WILL GIVE A TWO-MINUTE SPEECH ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (YOUR CHOICE)

1. WHAT WOULD IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE THE EAST COAST YOUTH RODEO QUEEN?
2. HOW DOES PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH RODEO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A YOUTH'S LIFE?
3. THE COWGIRL AND HER HORSE.

ALL PRINCESS CONTESTANTS WILL SPEAK FOR ONE-MINUTE.

PRINCESS SPEECH SHOULD INCLUDE AN INTRODUCTION AND GIVE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THEMSELVES (SOME EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION TO INCLUDE WOULD BE WHAT SCHOOL AND GRADE THEY ATTEND, PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR HORSE AND RODEO EVENTS, ETC.) BE CREATIVE.

BOTH QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTESTANTS MAY USE 3 X 5 CARDS

HORSEMANSHIP:

BOTH QUEEN AND PRINCESS CONTESTANTS WILL BE GIVEN A HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN TO BE COMPLETED IN FRONT OF THE JUDGES. IN ADDITION TO THE HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN, WE WILL ASK YOU TO COMPLETE THE BARREL PATTERN TO SHOWCASE YOUR SKILL IN PERFORMING AT A RODEO EVENT. THIS WILL **NOT** BE TIMED AND WILL BE JUDGED STRICTLY ON YOUR HORSEMANSHIP ABILITY. THE SAME HORSE MUST BE RIDDEN DURING HORSEMANSHIP AND BARREL PATTERN AND THE HORSE MUST HAVE BEEN USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT THE YOUTH RODEO. A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

ATTIRE:

HORSEMANSHIP- WESTERN ATTIRE (JEANS, BOOTS, HAT, AND WESTERN SHIRT) IS MANDATORY AND ALL CONTESTANTS WILL WEAR A WHITE LONG SLEEVE WESTERN SHIRT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE CONTEST.

CONTESTANTS MAY CHANGE BETWEEN THE SPEECH/INTERVIEW PORTION OF THE CONTEST IF THEY WISH, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE A 15-30 MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN SPEECH/INTERVIEW PORTION OF THE CONTEST AND HORSEMANSHIP PORTION OF THE CONTEST.

SPEECH & MODELING- DURING SPEECH AND MODELING PORTION OF THE CONTEST, CONTESTANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO WEAR SUITS, DRESSES, SKIRTS, BLOUSES, DRESS PANTS, JEANS AND SHIRT.

CROWNING CEREMONY- NO DRESSES OR SKIRTS ARE TO BE WORN DURING CROWNING CEREMONY. CONTESTANTS MUST BE IN FULL WESTERN ATTIRE. (JEANS, BOOTS, HAT, AND WESTERN SHIRT).

JUDGES/SCORING:

THREE TO FOUR (3/4) JUDGES AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE WILL JUDGE ENTIRE CONTEST. THE ALTERNATE JUDGE'S SCORE WILL BE USED ONLY TO BREAK TIES BETWEEN FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PLACE REGARDING THE QUEEN CONTEST TOTAL POINTS.

1. JUDGES IN ALL CATEGORIES WILL SIGN SCORE SHEET, PUT IN SIGNED AND SEALED ENVELOPE (FURNISHED BY PAGEANT DIRECTOR) AND RETURN TO PAGEANT DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH CATEGORY.
2. DURING THE FIRST PORTION OF THE PAGEANT WHERE CONTESTANTS ARE DOING THEIR SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, CONTESTANTS MUST FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN PERTAINING TO THE INTRODUCTION GUIDELINES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A 10-POINT DEDUCTION FROM THEIR TOTAL SCORE.
3. EACH CONTESTANT WILL RECEIVE A ENVELOPE OF THE JUDGES SCORES AND NOTES AT THE FINALS CEREMONY.

MISS CONGENIALITY:

MISS CONGENIALITY WILL BE SELECTED BY THE QUEEN CONTESTANTS AT PLACE AND TIME DESIGNATED BY THE QUEEN DIRECTOR.

CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS:

1. E.C.Y.R.A. CONTESTANTS AND TITLEHOLDERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN AN EXCEPTIONAL MANNER. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. SUCH CONDUCT COULD RESULT IN THE CONTESTANT BEING DISQUALIFIED AND MAY AFFECT ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN FUTURE E.C.Y.R.A. PAGEANTS.
2. HARASSMENT AND ARGUING BETWEEN CONTESTANTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
3. A JUDGE MAY NOT BE APPROACHED BY A CONTESTANT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH THE INTENT TO INFLUENCE OR HARASS. THIS INCLUDES APPROACHING A JUDGE ONLINE OR THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. ACTION OF THIS TYPE WILL BE REPORTED TO THE E.C.Y.R.A. DIRECTOR AND DISQUALIFICATION OF THAT CONTESTANT COULD RESULT.
4. THE PAGEANT IS NOT OFFICIALLY COMPLETE UNTIL THE CORONATION IS COMPLETED.
5. THE POSSESSION OF AND/OR USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES I.E.: CELL PHONES, PDA DEVICES, LAPTOP COMPUTERS, AND/OR ANY DEVICES WITH INTERNET CAPABILITIES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY CONTESTANTS DURING THE COMPETITION.

TRANSPORTATION:

CONTESTANTS IN THE E.C.Y.R.A. PAGEANT ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE SITE OF THE PAGEANT. CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE AT E.C.Y.R.A. FUNCTIONS ON TIME AND APPROPRIATELY DRESSED.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

A DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR FINALS WEEKEND WILL BE POSTED SOON. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY MAY 29- MAY 31 AT ANY TIME TO COMPETE IN THE PAGEANT.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT BROOKE GEIGER. 904-697-0823. THANK YOU