



# Lewis County Rodeo

## Queen Contest Rules and Guidelines



Contest Rules, qualifications, guidelines, and Rodeo Contract must be read in full before entering this contest. Interested parties must be able to meet and adhere to these rules and requirements. Not doing so may deny one the right to compete for the Lewis County Rodeo Queen title.

**Age Division:** 16 to 20 years old as of January 1, 2025.

**Entry Fee:** \$50. Checks should be made payable to the Southwest Washington Fair.

**Contest Date:** Times TBD on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### Entry Requirements:

- Entry Form
- Payment
- Rodeo Release signed
- Contract fully signed and executed. This is what is expected of title holders in their year of reign.
- Photograph – 2 different 5x7 vertical headshots in color. No black and white photographs. Pictures must be with cowboy hat on, and only of the contestant (no horses). Professional photographs are not required. Please list name, address, and age on the back of each photo. Hard copies will be used for the judges, please send digital copies to [pattimills2017@gmail.com](mailto:pattimills2017@gmail.com).

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00 pm, meeting at the Historical Building on the Fairgrounds. Selected contestants will then be asked for an introduction.

**Late or Incomplete Entries:** Entries that do not include the items listed above will not be considered complete. Entries not received by the stated deadline date or that are not complete will be dismissed. Entry fee is non-refundable once the contest has started if the contestant decides not to compete.

### ALL ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS AND TITLE HOLDERS MUST:

- Be a legal resident of the United States and live in Lewis, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pacific or Cowlitz Counties.
- Be a student in good standing, if applicable.
- Not be, have been or become married, nor have had a marriage nullified.
- Not be, have been or become pregnant.
- Not drink alcohol, smoke, vape or do any drugs.

- Have not been or become convicted of a misdemeanor or felony of any kind or have other involvement in any type of delinquent or criminal activity.
- Have read and executed all entry forms, consents, waivers and release forms prior to competition.
- Attend every event on the contest schedule and be prompt. Failure to appear at an event can result in contest disqualification.
- All contestants **must** attend the Awards Ceremony. For any contestant to receive gifts or awards they earn, they must be present at the Awards Ceremony. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of gifts or awards. Any exceptions must be approved by the pageant director.
- Contestants and their parents/guardians/guests must abide by all rules and regulations of the contest and exhibit good behavior and sportsmanship. Any contestant/parent/guardian/guest demonstrating poor sportsmanship or being disrespectful, argumentative, or unruly will be asked to leave which will result in immediate disqualification.
- All contestants and their parents/guardians/guests or anyone acting on behalf of a contestant should not approach or communicate in ANY way with judges at ANY time. All questions must be directed to Contest Coordinator(s) or the designee for clarification. The names of the contest judges are not disclosed prior to the contest.
- Consult with Queen Coordinator if currently holding another title to determine eligibility.

**Character and Sportsmanship:** High moral standards and sportsmanship are essential.

**Conduct:** Proper, lady-like behavior, and high moral standards are always expected.

**Horsemanship Requirement:** Contestants must provide their own horse and transportation for the event.

**Transportation:** Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the pageant and all events.

**Sportsmanship Post-coronation:** Expected to display exemplary sportsmanship following the coronation.

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Participation in raffle ticket sales is mandatory. Contestants are required to sell a minimum of 50 tickets.

**Raffle Item Donation:** A minimum valued item or basket of \$50 is required for the raffle. This is a separate raffle from the required raffle ticket sales.

#### **FAIR AND RODEO APPEARANCES:**

The contestant will be available for appearances on behalf of the Lewis County Rodeo, and be prepared for autograph signings, photographs, and media interview opportunities to promote the Lewis County Rodeo, the sport of rodeo, and the agricultural industry as a whole. Any rodeo attended as a queen during the year of her reign will be done as Miss Lewis County Rodeo Queen unless prior permission is given.

## **CONTEST DETAILS:**

**Transparency of Scores:** Score sheets and judges' notes will be released two weeks after the coronation.

### **Scoring Breakdown:**

- Horsemanship 25%
- Appearance/Personality 25%
- Speech 25%
- Rodeo Knowledge Test 25%

### **Rodeo Knowledge Test:**

A Rodeo Knowledge Test will be given. Questions on the test will include questions regarding information about the Lewis County Rodeo, who is NPRA and questions about NPRA, tack, horse science, professional rodeo history, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard events, current issues of the pro rodeo circuit.

### **Horsemanship:**

All contestants will compete in Horsemanship. Each contestant will be allowed ONE chaperone in the staging area of the arena at Horsemanship. All other guests can be seated in the bleachers away from the judges. Contestants failing to exhibit control over their horse at any time will be removed from this phase of competition for the safety of all participants.

Contestants will ride their pattern, which will be provided beforehand, and then ride to the judges to be asked 2 questions prepared by the judges regarding their knowledge of horses, the horse industry, and/or their personal background dealing with horses. Contestants will be judged on their riding skills, abilities, posture, smile, etc., details of the pattern, their response to questions and the cleanliness/appearance of themselves and their horse and tack.

Contestants will perform a "run in" during the nightly performance each night of the rodeo.

### **Appearance/Q&A:**

This will be a "fashion show" with the possibility of modeling on stage. Your outfit should be classy, classic, western attire. Judges will want to see how well the contestant wears their clothing. They will look for good fit and their confidence and positivity as well as their personality overall while modeling. Contestants should be able to introduce themselves by giving their name, age, interests and activities and other information on a microphone. Following the contestant's self-introduction, they will be asked 1 impromptu question.

### **Interviews/Personality**

All contestants attire will be judged and scored at Interview as part of Appearance total score.

Contestants will have a personal and private interview with Judges. Judges will ask questions and have a conversation with each contestant regarding Rodeo, horses, personal interests, and activities, etc.

Interviews will last approximately 10 minutes.

**Speech:** The contestant should prepare and memorize a speech about what the “Western Way of Life” means to her. The speech must be 2 minutes long. The contestant will be allowed to a 5 second window each direction but any variance over/under will be cause for point deductions

**Scoring Ties:** Ties in individual categories will be broken by referring to Judge #1’s score, followed by Judge #2’s then Judge #3’s score if needed.

**Overall Scoring Tie:** Ties for the title or first runner-up are broken by horsemanship scores.

**Miss Congeniality:** Selected by contestant vote and does not count towards overall points.

**Horsemanship Award:** Will be awarded to the contestant with the highest Horsemanship score.

**Knowledge Test Award:** Will be awarded to the contestant with the highest Test score.

**Boyfriend Conduct Clause:**

As a contestant and potential titleholder of the Lewis County Rodeo Queen Pageant, I acknowledge and agree to the following stipulations regarding the involvement and conduct of a boyfriend during my participation in the pageant and potential reign:

1. **No Chaperone Role:** Boyfriends are not to be considered as chaperones at any pageant events, activities, or appearances. The role of a chaperone is reserved strictly for designated individuals appointed by the Pageant Committee.
2. **No Public Display of Affection:** I agree to maintain a professional demeanor at all times during official events and appearances. This includes abstaining from any public displays of affection (PDA) with a boyfriend, as such behavior is not in alignment with the professional standards expected of a titleholder.
3. **No Special Treatment:** Boyfriends will not receive special treatment, privileges, or access during pageant events or activities. Their involvement and presence will be subject to the same guidelines and restrictions applicable to the general public or other guests.
4. **Not Considered a Plus One:** For events where a “plus one” is applicable, boyfriends are not automatically granted this status. Invitations for additional guests, including boyfriends, will be at the discretion of the Pageant Committee and based on the specific event’s guidelines.
5. **Professional Conduct Expectations:** I understand that my conduct as well as the conduct of those closely associated with me, reflects on the Lewis County Rodeo Queen. I will ensure that my boyfriend, if present at events, adheres to the standards of behavior and professionalism expected by the Pageant Committee.

By agreeing to these terms, I am committing to upholding the integrity and professionalism of the Lewis County Rodeo Queen Pageant, both in my personal conduct and in the conduct of those associated with me.