

**SUWANNEE RIVER RIDING CLUB**  
*Jr Miss and Rodeo Queen Contest*  
*Contest Rules & Standards*

**Ages:**

*Jr Miss: (8-12) Must have obtained the age of 8 by January 1, 2018 but not have obtained the age of 13 before January 1, 2018.*

*Queen: (13-18) Must have obtained the age of 13 by January 1, 2018 but must not have obtained the age of 19 before January 1, 2019.*

**Categories:**

*Photogenic - 10%*

*Poise & Personality - 10%*

*Speech/Public Speaking/Interview - 30%*

*Horsemanship - 50%*

**Photogenic:**

*Each contestant will need to submit 5 X 7 (Head and Shoulder) black & white photo to be judged. These photos are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. Smile!*

**Speech/Public Speaking/Interview:**

*The contestants will have the ability to show their talents in public speaking, model and promote SRRC. They will be asked to introduce themselves and answer questions that the judges might ask. Each contestant will have an interview before the panel of judges. You 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 SRRC Rules found online at [www.srrcbranford.com](http://www.srrcbranford.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 SRRC Rodeo Queen?*
- 2. How does participation in the Riding Club make a difference in a youth's life?*
- 3. The Cowgirl and her Horse.*

*All Jr Miss Contestants will speak for one-minute. Jr Miss 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 Jr Miss Contestants may use 3 X 5 cards.\*\*\**

### *Horsemanship:*

*Both Queen and Jr Miss Contestants will be given a Horsemanship Pattern to be completed in front of the judges. You will need music to ride to, to be turned in by first practice.*

*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.*

*Same horse must be rode during Horsemanship and Barrel Pattern. A violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.*

### *Dress:*

*Western Attire is Mandatory. This includes boots, long sleeve shirt with collar and cuffs, western pants and hat (Contestants may change between the Speech/Interview portion and Horsemanship portion of the contest). There will be a 15 minute break between Speech/Interview portion of the contest and Horsemanship portion of the contest.*

### Promotional Award:

Contestants must sell a minimum of \$100 ad for the Rodeo Program (Personal or Business). The Contestant selling the most \$\$ amount of Ads will receive the Promotional Award. Deadline for Ads will be August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Miss Congeniality:

The Jr Miss and Rodeo Queen Contestants will each vote on this.

A Contestant can be disqualified for Inappropriateness on Facebook; Contestant or family attempting to influence or trouble any of the judges; Use of Alcohol, Tobacco or Narcotics; Failure to fulfill obligations as directed by the Directors or Officers; Unsportsmanlike Behavior; and Failure to compete in all Events.

Contestants will attend all practices. Coordinators will take into consideration School, Church or Family Emergencies. Coordinator must approve absences prior to the Event. All Contestants MUST ride in Grand Entry and Queen Presentation at Rodeo on Friday and Saturday Night and at Rodeo Parade on Saturday. Contestants score will be kept confidential and mailed to you.

Contestant shall never have been married or have has a child. If the Queen gets married or cannot fulfill her rein or cannot complete the functions as stated, she must relinquish her title to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up. This does not disqualify the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up from competing in the SRRC Pageant the following year after she has relinquished her title.

Contestants may not compete for a crown that she has already held. For example: If you have held the Jr Miss Crown you will not be eligible to run for that crown in future pageants. The Jr Miss may run for the Queen Crown, however if she is the reigning Jr Miss she will have to wait one year before running for Queen.

Jr Miss/Queen MUST participate in functions set up by the Club, such as Parades, Club Events, Rodeos and other Special Events with "NO EXCEPTIONS" unless approved by the coordinator and/or the Board.

*The Queen and Contestants will conduct themselves with the best etiquette at all times and at all functions. No Smoking, Drinking or Foul Language.*

*Jr Miss/Queen will be required to wear Western Attire, Crown and Banner to all functions unless told otherwise.*

*Contestant that hold more than one (1) title per year. The Club title comes first; one title **Must** be relinquished if there is a conflict between titles. If this continues to be a problem the Reigning Queen Title will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up.*

***\*\*\*If Queen does not uphold her duties as Queen she will relinquish Crown, Buckle and Sash.\*\*\****

*We hope that this will be a valuable stepping stone for all contestants. It should utilize public relation skills, poise and effective speaking while representing our Club.*

*This year's contest will tentatively take place on Saturday evening September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Crowning will be at Rodeo.*

*Pictures will be taken August 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> at Branford and will be available to purchase.*

*Feel free to text or call us if you have any questions.*

*Sincerely,*

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