

MKYRA Royalty Candidate Information & Requirements



ALL ACTIVE MKYRA MEMBER GIRLS IN GOOD STANDING TO PARTICIPATE ARE INVITED TO RUN FOR MKYRA ROYALTY.

All contestants must have been a MKYRA member for one year (must have joined MKYRA by October of the previous year) and all MKYRA rules apply to the eligibility of contestants by age.

Each contestant needs to submit an application by June of the current season.

Specifics are as follows:

To compete for the Queen title a candidate must either be an active competitor in their division (Peewee, Junior, & Senior) or be eligible for that division the following season year.

Winners in each age division will be selected by a panel of independent judges and are expected to attend most of the MKYRA scheduled rodeos. Candidates will be judged in four categories with equal weight given to each in the scoring.

The four categories are as follows:

1. **Speech/Public Speaking** – each candidate must prepare a speech to be delivered in front of the judges.
 - a. Queen candidates will give a 3-4 minute speech using the topic “How Has Rodeo Shaped Me Into A Role Model For Other Youth?”
 - b. Princess candidates will give a 2-3 minute speech using the topic “How Does Rodeo Influence Me?”
 - c. Little miss candidates will give a 1-2 minute speech using the topic “I Like Rodeo Because . . .”

Contestants need to deliver the speech with minimal notes and should not read the speech.

2. **Personal Interview** - each contestant will be interviewed individually by the panel of judges.
3. **Rodeo Knowledge** - each contestant will draw questions to answer in front of the judges. Questions will come from the MKYRA rule book and will be appropriate for each age division (Pee Wee, Junior, and Senior Divisions).
4. **Horsemanship Pattern** - each contestant will ride a horsemanship pattern in front of the judges. The pattern will be distributed to contestants in advance so there is time to practice. Contestants need to use split reins and no tie downs for the horsemanship pattern.

Only one clothing outfit is required for the contest. Each girl should wear western jeans, shirt, hat, belt, and boots, in compliance with rodeo code.

The speech and question session will take place first, then personal interviews and group pictures, followed by horsemanship pattern.

Please complete and submit the attached application if you would like to run for MKYRA royalty. If you have additional questions, please contact the secretary to connect you with the contest organizers. Applications and payment are due prior to the contest.