



## **Pageant Rules and Regulations**

**Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc.**

### **2026 Pageant Rule Book**

**VENUES**  
Hotel Windrow  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
Ellensburg, WA

Sanctioned By  
Miss Rodeo America, Inc.

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### **Mission Statement**

Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational and professional opportunities for young women by providing scholarship awards and the opportunity to represent the western way of life, the sport of professional rodeo and the state of Washington.

It is the mission of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Inc. to produce a professional state program and pageant for the purpose of selecting a Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington, who will serve the great state of Washington as official ambassadors of rodeo and our western heritage. By recognizing the importance of promoting a positive image and awareness of rodeo while preserving our western heritage.

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## **MISS RODEO WASHINGTON PAGEANT**

The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant is held annually to select young ladies who have the desire and enthusiasm to serve as goodwill ambassadors for the sport of professional rodeo and the state of Washington. The legacy of Miss Rodeo Washington first started in 1963-64 with the first Pageant held in Othello, Washington.

Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant is modeled after the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Miss Rodeo Washington is awarded the prestigious opportunity to represent the State of Washington in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. The Miss Rodeo America Pageant is held in December each year in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors has pledged to make the Pageant a memorable experience for each contestant. The Board of Directors are confident that the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant titleholders will represent with grace, enthusiasm and professionalism, while promoting the State of Washington, the sport of professional rodeo and the western way of life.

### **WHO ARE MISS RODEO WASHINGTON PAGEANT TITLEHOLDERS?**

Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant titleholders are young ladies who strive to promote the State of Washington and the sport of professional rodeo and, in so doing, promote the great western way of life. Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant titleholders will be talented, personable horsewomen with a vast knowledge of the sport of rodeo, the equine industry, the western fashion industry, and the State of Washington. Young ladies who enjoy travel and have a sincere interest in serving the great State of Washington as official ambassadors of rodeo and our western heritage, and:

1. A young lady who wishes to be a representative of her hometown community, state and professional rodeo.
2. A young lady who has a desire to travel throughout her state and the nation (Miss) to promote the State of Washington and the great western way of life through rodeo and related events.
3. A young lady who portrays excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflects careful and humane treatment of animals.
4. A young lady who understands and loves the sport of professional rodeo in its entirety and who has the knowledge to convey that information to others.
5. A young lady who is able to speak intelligently and display dignity and poise in all situations.

## **MISS RODEO WASHINGTON PAGEANT GENERAL RULES**

Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors will operate the state Pageant under the guidelines of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors has the authority to make provisions and waive eligibility rules and/or regulation requirements with the approval of the Directors.

**Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. reserves the right to deny any application for any reason, notwithstanding any other provision herein.** Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors to prohibit an applicant from competing in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant is final and at the Board's complete discretion.

All Contestants shall agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations set forth by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors. Failing to meet any of the eligibility rules (without a waiver) will disqualify a Contestant from the competition.

**Contestant Expenses:** Contestants in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant are required to pay their own transportation to and from the Pageant. All food and lodging while competing at the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant will be paid for by Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc.

**Additional Lodging:** Contestants will be responsible for their own food and lodging if they choose to come early or stay after completion of the Pageant.

**Score Sheets:** Contestants may receive their personal scores and comments, by written request only, no sooner than six (6) weeks following Pageant. Request must be received within thirty (30) days of Pageant completion.

**Intent to Influence or Harass:** A Contestant, or any individual associated with the Contestant, must not approach Judges or members of the Board with the intent to influence or harass. Inquiries/complaints MUST be made to Pageant Grievance Director. Action of this type will be reported to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors and disqualification of that Contestant may result.

**Horse:** Contestants must provide their own horse to ride and use during the Pageant. Your horse must be suitable to use as a draw horse. Disqualification may result if your horse is deemed unsafe or in poor health for competition.

**Electronics:** Contestants will be unable to carry, use or have in their possession cell phones and/or any electronic device until the completion of the Pageant.

**Photographs:** Photographs taken of Contestants during the Pageant, by designated photographer, will become property of Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. and may be used for publicity and other purposes.

**Contestant Eligibility:** Each Contestant in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant on the date of competition and final selection of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington must meet the following:

1. **Age:**
  - a. **Miss Contestants** must attain the age of 21 by November 1, 2026 and will be no older than 26 years of age by December 31, 2026; as evidenced by her birth certificate presented before competition.
  - b. **Teen Contestants** must attain the age of 15 by December 31, 2025 and shall not have attained the age of 19 by December 31, 2025; as evidenced by her birth certificate presented before competition.
2. **Residency:** Contestant must be a US citizen and hold residency in Washington State for one year prior to pageant as evidenced by her driver's license, insurance or tax return and must reside in Washington State during her year of reign. Verification will be requested.
3. **Rules and Regulations:** Shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.
4. **Education:**
  - a. **Miss Contestant** - Have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent.
  - b. **Teen Contestant** - Must be working towards a high school diploma or equivalent.
5. **Gender:** I am female and have always been female.
6. **Marital Status:** I am not currently married and have never been married. I agree that I am not engaged to be married nor will I become publicly engaged to be married during the course of my reign.
7. **Parental Status:** I am not the parent or legal guardian of any child and have never been pregnant, nor will I become pregnant during the contractual time frame of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant contract.
8. **Good Character:** I have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude. Must previously and presently portray high moral standards and a superb ethical character.
9. **No Criminal Record:** I have not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses).
10. **Health:** I am in good health and without any health concerns which would lead to the inability to fully participate in the Pageant, or to serve as Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington, if selected.
11. **Substance Abuse:** I do not drink alcoholic beverages, use tobacco products, consume or possess illegal or controlled substances (including marijuana), other than prescription medications, and then only in the manner as prescribed.
12. **Contractual Obligations:** I am not under any contractual obligation which would interfere with my ability to participate in this contest or interfere with my ability to perform as Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington, if selected.
13. **No Other Competitions:** I do not hold any other current title in any Pageant of any kind which would prevent me from fulfilling the duties of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington.
14. **No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation:** I have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to my reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. (If I have any concerns about the applicability of this provision, I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with the President of Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. prior to signing this form.)
15. **Removal, Forfeiture or Loss of Title(s) or Rejected Pageant Application(s):** I have not had a queen/princess or similar title removed for any reason, I have not relinquished a title, nor have I had a pageant application rejected after submission. If applicable, contestant may request a hearing for review.

16. **Ability to Perform:** To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that will interfere with my ability to compete in this contest or to perform the obligations of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington.
17. **Consents and Waiver:** I acknowledge I must execute all required documents as set forth in the application packet, consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions by application deadline.
18. **Miss Rodeo Washington:** I am willing to represent Washington in the **2026** Miss Rodeo America Pageant. I fully understand that I will attend the **2026** Miss Rodeo America Pageant as Washington's Lady in Waiting at my own expense.
19. **Verification all Statements are True:** I verify that I have read the foregoing statements, all of the foregoing statements are true, the information I present on the Contestant information page and biography information submitted for entry is true and forthright, and that I will abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant as set forth by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors in the official rule book. By submitting this form and application to Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. I hereby grant permission to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors to verify all information contained within the submitted application. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors to prohibit an application for the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant is final and at the Board's complete discretion.

**Study Information:**

- Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant: [www.missrodeowashingtoninc.com](http://www.missrodeowashingtoninc.com)
- Miss Rodeo America: [www.missrodeoamerica.com](http://www.missrodeoamerica.com)
- PRCA website at: [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com)
- WPRA website at: [www.wpra.com](http://www.wpra.com)
- 4H: [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org)
- FFA: [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

**Pageant Requirements:**

1. Entry Fee \$350: Contestant non-refundable entry fee in the amount of \$350 made payable to Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.
2. Program Ad Sales: Each Contestant must sell a minimum of \$1,000.00 in program ads. Contestant MUST sell the minimum requirement of program ad sales in order to compete in the 2026 Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.
3. As required by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Contestant Application, each application must be accompanied by proof of residency (Miss must provide current WA driver's license; Teen current WA driver's license or WA photo ID card), all required signed forms, background check (MRWP to provide background check link via email), and one vertical 8"x10" color, head and shoulder photograph of you wearing a cowboy hat, exclusive of crown or banner. No hard or stiff backing on photographs. All photographs become property of Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.
4. Any current titleholders at time of Pageant will be required to provide a waiver from their committee authorizing their participation in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.
5. Contestants will be required to bring their own horse, tack, buckets, feed, shavings, etc. Contestant's horse needs to be available for the duration of the Pageant unless otherwise directed. It is the Contestant's responsibility to make arrangements with family and/or friends for care of horse during entire duration of Pageant. Arena(s) are not available during Pageant other than horsemanship Friday afternoon. The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board does not have means to provide care. Stalls will be available at the Ellensburg Rodeo Grounds. All arrangements for stalls will be arranged through the Miss Rodeo Washington Treasurer.
6. The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant may provide Contestant banners, to be worn by Contestants, during the Pageant. Contestants are NOT permitted to wear any crowns during the Pageant.
7. The Contestants will be under the supervision of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Chaperones from the time they arrive until the conclusion of the crowning ceremony.
8. Parents and relatives of Miss Rodeo Washington/Miss Teen Rodeo Washington Pageant Contestants are welcome to attend open events at which the Contestants will be present. However, after the Pageant begins, Contestants cannot communicate with family or friends unless authorized by the Pageant Committee and/or Chaperones.
9. A Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Grievance Director will be available at all times to receive any type of grievance. The proper procedure in filing a grievance is to put the complaint in writing and submit it to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Grievance Director, who in turn will set up a meeting to discuss the particular grievance.
10. All transportation needs for Contestant functions outside the hotel shall be provided. No responsibility will be assumed for transportation of parents.
11. A highly recommended Contestant and parent/guardian meeting will be held at 1:00 pm, Sunday, September 21, 2025, at the Central Washington University in Ellensburg.
12. An orientation meeting for Contestants and parent(s)/guardian(s) is scheduled for 9:30 am, Friday, October 10, 2025 at Central Washington University. See schedule for full list of dates and times.
13. Judging will take place during all Pageant activities. It will begin at Contestant orientation and continue throughout the Pageant.

Any Contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth above shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant. However, if a Contestant does not meet the above requirements, she may petition the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board of Directors for review.

**Travel:**

- Miss Rodeo Washington's travel focus is PRCA rodeos throughout Washington, the US and Canada, plus coronations, parades, special designated events, as per Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant National Director.
- Miss Teen Rodeo Washington's travel focus is high school, college, ProWest, NPRA and PRCA rodeos, plus coronations, parades, service clubs and other non-horse related events **within** Washington State. She will not attend any PRCA rodeos or events without permission by her director and the Miss Rodeo Washington Board of Directors. Note: Miss Teen Rodeo Washington may be allowed an out-of-state appearance(s) if given full board approval. **NO out of country appearances will be authorized.**

**Loss of Title and Benefits:** Subsequent to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, any person being awarded the title of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington and/or otherwise becoming the successor thereto, shall abide by the following:

1. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall have met and complied with all terms, rules, regulations, qualifications, and conditions of the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, including but not limited to; never been married or pregnant and be between the ages as designated above under Contestant Eligibility, Section 1, page 5 (above).
2. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall not be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude during the term of this agreement, or prior to signing this agreement.
3. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall not compete in and/or otherwise participate in any other beauty and/or talent contest, pageant and/or activity.
4. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall not contract with any third person (i.e. agent) for the accomplishment of any act set forth within sub-paragraphs above during the term of this agreement.
5. If Miss Rodeo Washington has objections to a donated fur garment, she shall state so now and shall not accept a donated garment. If, however, she accepts the fur garment, she shall not publicly denounce the use or harvesting of fur-bearing animals for the duration of her reign.
6. If Miss Rodeo Washington should receive the use of a truck and/or horse trailer for her term, Miss Rodeo Washington shall purchase insurance coverage of those vehicles, including full property damage, collision and liability coverage, and shall name Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. as an additional insured and shall provide copies of such contract to Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant.

7. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington understand that any and all funds donated, given or awarded to her shall be turned over to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Treasurer. The monies will then be deposited into the respective Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington budget. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington further understands that Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant may take 20% of said monies as an administrative and management fee.
8. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington will submit expense reports along with receipts to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Treasurer no later than 30 days after the expense was incurred. If there are still funds available, then Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington will be reimbursed for approved expenses. Any expenses turned in over 30 days after the expense was incurred, may not be paid. The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Board may approve expenses received after 30 days if Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington petition for said approval.
9. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall turn in monies and donations raised at her Coronation and will be reimbursed for expenses by Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant (which will be taken out of the gross profits Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington has made). Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall turn in said monies, donations and expenses in an organized and timely manner.
10. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington shall not be pregnant and/or married at any time during the term of this agreement.
11. Should Miss Rodeo Washington become engaged during her year of reign, she shall NOT publicize same or wear anything that would indicate she has become engaged.
12. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington agrees to sign the Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington Contract and understands that it is legally binding.
13. No significant other (male/female), who you are in an intimate relationship with, shall attend events that you are attending as Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington. Also the significant other (male/female) shall not be allowed to stay at the same hotel as the reigning Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington, nor go to her room for any reason. As the Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington Titleholder you shall not live with your significant other (male/female) or travel to any appearances with him/her regardless of the situation.
14. Sponsorship/Donations: Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. However, for a company or individual to use this for tax purposes all sponsorship/donation money must be ran through the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. bank account and may be assessed a 20% management fee. All monetary sponsorships **must** go through the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors for approval. Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. has set sponsorship levels and you must use the approved Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant marketing packet if you choose to solicit sponsors.
15. All fundraisers need to be presented in a written proposal to the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board of Directors for approval. This can be presented at a Board of Director meeting, by email or a copy of the proposal mailed to your respective Director. This proposal must state all aspects of the fundraiser such as dates, time, place, admission, and people involved, etc.
16. The 2026 Titleholders are strongly urged to support each other's coronation ceremonies. Coronation ceremonies will be scheduled in the following order: Miss Rodeo Washington then Miss Teen Rodeo Washington. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington coronation income may be subject to 20% management fee.
17. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, use tobacco products, consume or possess illegal or controlled substances, including marijuana, or use foul language at any time during her reign. Doing so may result in removal from position.

18. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington must abide by and dress appropriately in western attire and be perfectly groomed at all times for all public appearances. Appropriate attire consists of the following:
  - a. Wrangler jeans (pressed)
  - b. Western top/blouse
  - c. Clean and properly-shaped hat with crown
  - d. Clean boots
  - e. Clean belt, buckle, banner
  - f. Western elegance dress at formal functions, fashion forward attire where appropriate

NOTE: Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Inc. Board of Directors reserves the right to require wardrobe changes and alterations.
19. Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington must abide by all rules and regulations as set forth in the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Rule Book and the Lady-in-Waiting manual to be received at contract signing.

**Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Judging Guidelines:**

- Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington are judged in four categories: Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance and Presentation.
- In the event there is only one applicant, contestant must go through the pageant categories and be judged by a panel of no less than three judges. She must earn no less than 75% of the available points to be deemed competent to hold the title of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington. As soon as all categories have been judged, points will be tallied. In the event the applicant does not meet the criteria, she will be told immediately, and the title will not be filled.

**Judges:**

1. Three (possibly four) judges will judge all categories of the Pageant. All judges' scores will be totaled for each Contestant each time they are judged to determine the winner of each category.
2. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition: horsemanship, personality and appearance, etc. They will have an awareness of correct western dress, be knowledgeable about the sport of rodeo, and be experienced western-type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging horse events.

### **Judged Events**

**Horsemanship:** The purpose of this division is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Horsemanship – to include control of mount and the way any situation, which may occur, is handled.
2. Balance – ability to sit a saddle.
3. Positions of hands, feet and seat.
4. Mounting and dismounting.
5. The understanding and skill of the Contestant will be judged and not the horse or the equipment.
6. There will be three go-rounds of horsemanship competition. At the discretion of the judges and Horsemanship Director, patterns may be altered due to arena conditions. Contestants may also be required to dismount and remount, carry a flag and/or perform additional maneuvers on horseback. Contestants may be asked to do a presentation ride following completion of one of their patterns. Any changes and/or alterations of the horsemanship patterns will be announced to the Contestants before the horsemanship competition begins. The Miss and Teen patterns will be demonstrated by the reigning Miss and Teen Rodeo Washington.
7. Dress for horsemanship is a Wrangler jeans product; form-fitting blouse or shirt with long sleeves, any color, with shirttail tucked in. No vests or jackets allowed. Any color accessories (hats, boots and belt) may be used. All riding attire should be neat and fit properly. Showmanship should be considered since a Contestant's personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges.
8. Each Contestant will ride a draw horse in one or more go-rounds during the horsemanship competition, along with her own. As in rodeo, the Contestant will draw for the order in which she competes and also draw for her mount.
9. Split reins must be used by all Contestants.
10. Spurs and chaps **will not be allowed** by any Contestant on any horse.
11. Only Contestants are permitted to warm up horses, at any time on the day of horsemanship competition, in or out of the arena
12. All spectators must sit in the grandstands (if available).

### **Public Speaking:**

Each Contestant will be sequestered in a location away from the stage. One at a time, Contestants will be taken to a quiet prep room where you will be given a topic (either the same topic for all, or a limited number of similar topics that you can choose). You will be given limited prep time (e.g., five minutes) where you may take notes. You will then take the stage and speak on your topic for a specified time (e.g. 1-½ minutes). The public speaking will be followed by a two-minute media interview that will relate to professional rodeo.

The exact format of the media interview will be announced at the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant. Once completed, you can take a seat at the designated Contestant table or seats. The Contestant with the highest total score in the public speaking competition will be recognized with a special award. Judging is based on content, delivery and the time allotted for the presentation.

**Appearance:** The purpose of this judged division is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Attractiveness.
2. Grooming: to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a young lady to be considered as Miss Rodeo Washington and Miss Teen Rodeo Washington.
3. Photogenic Quality: judges will have a head and shoulder picture of each Contestant. A young lady's strength, character and personality are reflected in a wholesome appearance.
4. Poise and Posture: lady-like behavior in every situation.
5. Knowledge of proper western attire: Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable western dress, with particular attention given to color coordination (Contestants should know how the use of color combinations can enhance appearance and eye appeal). Judges will be observing how a Contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality.
6. It is mandatory that Contestants wear Wrangler jeans whenever they are in pants.
7. Dresses, skirts and blouses should reflect a western image.
8. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination displayed by the Contestants.
9. Contestants should be knowledgeable on current trends of the western wear industry.

**Interviews:** Each Contestant will be interviewed by the judges. Questions asked will test the Contestant's knowledge and history of Miss Rodeo America, Miss Rodeo Washington queen history; knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc.; knowledge of professional rodeo, its history, organization, rodeo terminology, explanation of standard events, awareness of PRCA and WPRA/PWRA and Columbia River Circuit Championship standings, and goings-on in the pro rodeo world and current events. Excellent sources of information are the ProRodeo Sports News, the official PRCA Rule Book, and the Official ProRodeo Media Guide, all of which are available from PRCA, MRA, the WPRA/PWRA Rodeo News and Official Reference Book are available through the WPRA office.

**Personality:** The purpose of this division is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Intelligence – good common sense.
2. Education – conversational ability in rodeo and other areas, with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. Attractiveness – not necessarily to mean beauty in this sense, but rather should note whether the Contestant radiates self-confidence without making an issue of it. She should also show maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
4. Personality Reflections – to include the Contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism and eye appeal.
5. Genuine interest in other people, in the Pageant, in rodeo and a noticeable consideration for other people.
6. Self-Projection – ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback in the arena, on television, or before an audience. Also to be considered is sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire and enthusiasm.
7. Happy outlook on life in general.
8. Promptness in keeping Pageant schedule.
9. Judges will have a copy of each Contestant's application.

**Presentation:** Includes basic knowledge during interviews and presentation/stage presence of answers at events.

**Knowledge:** A written knowledge test will be conducted by each Contestant, including but not limited to, horse, rodeo and state history.

**Impromptu Questions:** Impromptu questions will be asked of each Contestant during Pageant functions. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo and/or current events. Impromptu questions require the Contestant to “think on her feet” and show maturity, intelligence, wisdom and imagination.

**Modeling:** Contestants will participate in at least one fashion show.

**Photogenic:** The judges will choose among the required vertical 8”x10” color, head and shoulder photograph, submitted by each Contestant, to determine the winner.

**Scholarships:** All Miss category scholarships are to be used for educational opportunities, as approved by the Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Inc. Board of Directors. Scholarships are not a payment for services. All scholarships earned by the incoming Miss Rodeo Washington, are to be paid at the end of her completed reign. Miss scholarships must be requested, with proper documentation, and reimbursed within 24 months of completed reign. Funds not requested will automatically be retained in the scholarship funds for future titleholders.

1. **Category Scholarships:** The category winners (horsemanship, personality, appearance and presentation) shall be determined by the total scores, in those categories.
  - a. **Horsemanship:** The winner of the Horsemanship category will have the highest cumulative total of horsemanship scores received in the three horsemanship go-rounds and written knowledge test.
  - b. **Personality:** The winner of the Personality category will have the highest cumulative total of personality scores received in all judged events.
  - c. **Appearance:** The winner of the Appearance category will have the highest cumulative total of appearance scores received in all judged events.
  - d. **Presentation:** The winner of the Presentation category will have the highest cumulative total presentation scores received in all judged events.
2. **Public Speaking Scholarship:** The winner of Public Speaking will have the highest cumulative total public speaking score received during pageant.
3. **Knowledge Scholarship (Miss and Teen Contestants):** The winner of Knowledge will have the highest cumulative total knowledge score received from their Knowledge test.

**Other Awards (Miss and Teen contestants eligible for these awards); these awards do not carry points, and are not part of the overall scoring:**

1. **Top Ad Sales Award:** This award is presented to the Miss or Teen Contestant with the highest cumulative ad sales.
2. **Rainier Memorial Horse Award:** A Contestant's horse, chosen by the judges, as the superior queen horse during the Horsemanship competition.
3. **Congeniality Award:** Contestants will be provided a secret ballot to select a winner of the Congeniality Award, balloting to include Miss and Teen contestants.
4. **Volunteerism Award:** The Volunteerism award will be chosen by the judges, based upon contestant's application and interview.
5. **Spirit Award:** The Spirit award recipient is selected by the judges. A contestant's strength of character, her love of rodeo and an enthusiastic outlook on life are the qualities an award recipient possesses.
6. **“Creative Outfit” Award:** The Creative Outfit award is selected by the judges. Winner to be announced at Coronation ceremony.
  - **Creative Outfit: WRANGLER button down shirt**
    - Decorated to represent Washington and Washington's Rodeos
    - Embellished, painted and/or decorated - contestant's choice.
    - There is no limit to your imagination!
    - Will need to provide the story behind the outfit.

**Scoring:**

1. The Contestant receiving the highest grand total score for all categories shall be crowned Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant titleholder. The Contestant receiving the second highest score shall be first runner-up.
2. Ties for category winners (e.g., Horsemanship, Personality, Appearance and Presentation) will be broken by referring back to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used, and so on until the tie is broken. Ties resulting in Photogenic and Public speaking will be broken by using the same method as the category winners. A tie for Miss Congeniality will be broken by a second balloting by Contestants. A tie for Miss Rodeo Washington and runners-up will be broken by the Horsemanship scores (e.g., the Contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will receive the higher ranking).

**Titleholder Contacts:**

If you receive the title of Miss Rodeo Washington or Miss Teen Rodeo Washington all contact will be made directly through your designated contact person below:

Miss – Monique Stevens, National Director

Teen – Mozell Snider, Teen Director

At the signing of your contract you will be given all information in regards to contacting this person. You may not go to any function without an invitation and permission from your Director. You will also be provided a list of Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant, Inc. Board members and whom you should contact if you cannot reach your director.

## **HORSEMANSHIP**

Spurs and chaps **will not** be allowed by any Contestant on any horse. All Contestants must use split reins.

Draw horses **may** be required for part of the competition. If necessary, length of stirrups may be adjusted on the saddle of the draw horse; however, no new holes will be allowed to be punched in order for the stirrup length to fit the contestant.

Contestant should focus on her ability to utilize the horse as well as the horse's ability to perform.

The Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant Judges and Committee reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions.

### **ROUND 1:**

Each Contestant will perform their respective pattern; Miss Contestants will perform the 2026 Miss Rodeo Washington Horsemanship Pattern and the Teen Contestants will perform the 2026 Miss Teen Rodeo Washington Horsemanship Pattern, as provided below. After completion of the pattern, Contestant will jog to the out gate to start presentation run acknowledging the audience.

### **ROUND 2:**

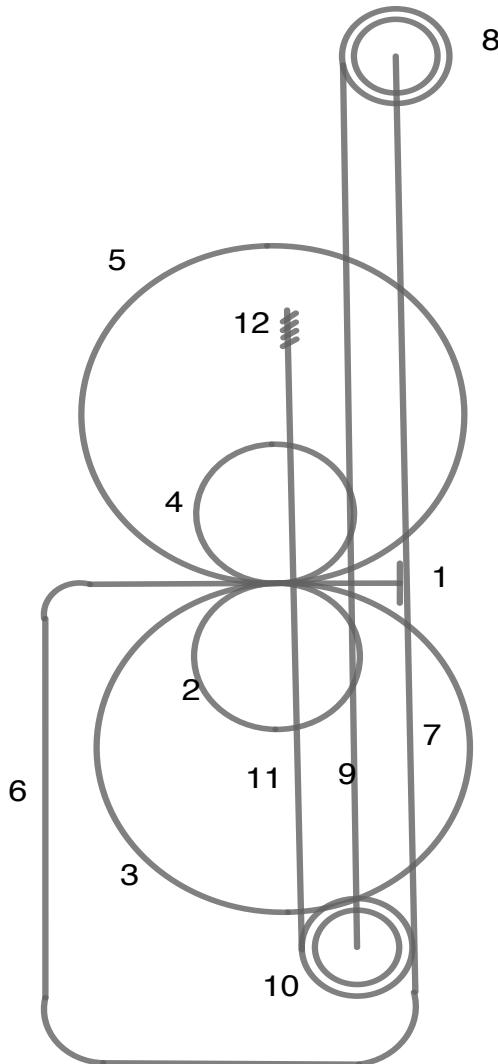
Flag Run.

### **ROUND 3:**

All Contestants to complete rail work in a group format. Contestants may be asked to walk, trot, lope, back, reverse, hand gallop, etc., at judge's discretion. This round to also include proper mount and dismount. Once group rail work competition is completed, each Contestant will be brought back in individually to perform a presentation run acknowledging the audience.

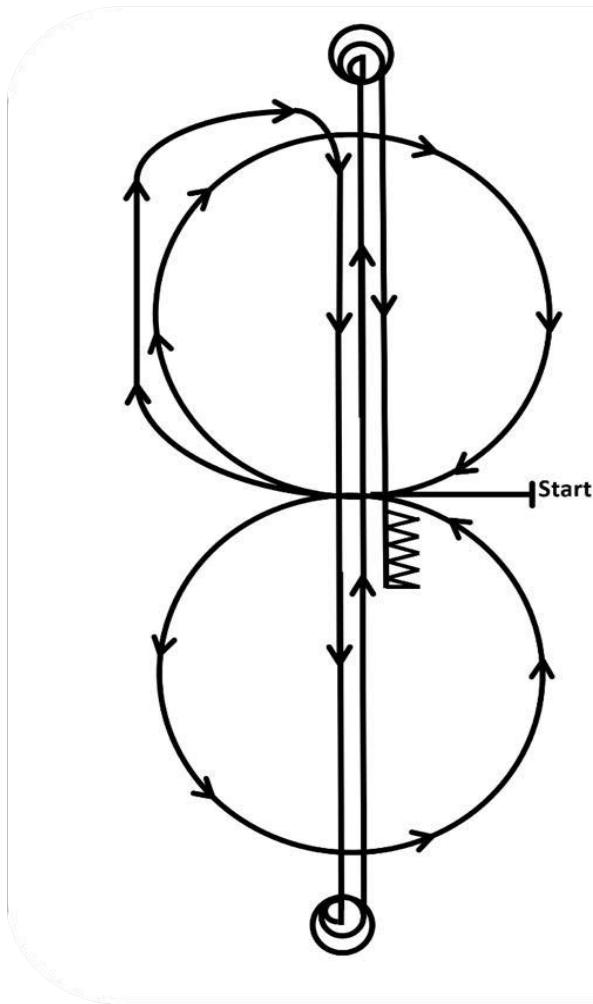
# Miss Rodeo Washington Pageant

## 2025 Miss Rodeo Washington Horsemanship Pattern



1. Jog to center of arena, stop. Start pattern facing the Judges.
2. Begin lope on left lead. Perform two circles to the left. First circle is small and slow.
3. Follow this with a large and fast circle.  
Change to right lead in the center of the arena.
4. Perform two circles to the right. First circle is small and slow.
5. Follow this with a large and fast circle.  
Change to left lead in the center of the arena.
6. Continue to the end of the arena for run downs.
7. Run to far end of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
8. Perform 2 ½ spins to the left.
9. Run to far end of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
10. Perform 2 ½ spins to the right.
11. Run past center of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
12. Back up at least 10 feet in a straight line. Hesitate.  
Walk to judges and dismount.

## 2026 Miss Teen Rodeo Washington Horsemanship Pattern



1. Jog to center of arena, stop. Start pattern facing the Judges.
2. Begin lope on right lead. Perform a circle to the right.
3. Change to left lead in the center of the arena. Prefer flying lead change.
4. Perform one circle to the left.
5. Change to right lead in the center of the arena. Prefer flying lead change.
6. Continue to the end of the arena for run downs.
7. Run to far end of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
8. Perform 2 1/2 spins to the right.
9. Run to far end of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
10. Perform 2 1/2 spins to the left.
11. Run past center of arena and stop, prefer a sliding stop. Hesitate.
12. Back up at least 10 feet in a straight line. Hesitate.
13. Walk to judges and dismount.

### Miss Rodeo Washington 1964 – 2026

Rebekah Mundell .....	2025	Leslie Hansen Penhollow .....	1993
Piper Schirm.....	2024	Leslie Schur.....	1992
Bailey Nachtigal (Top 5 MRA).....	2023	Lola Lang .....	1991
Lexy Hibbs (Written Test Award and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up MRA) .....	2022	Holley Fearing Hughes.....	1990
Madi Casto .....	2020-2021	Rebecca Smith Sloan.....	1989
Hannah Leib (1st Runner Up MRA) .....	2019	Sara Beeman Knight.....	1988
Beth Snider (Horsemanship Winner and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up MRA) .....	2018	Jody Wooten Rempel .....	1987
Crystal Hart .....	2017	Teddy Weeks Charlton.....	1986
Macy LaValley .....	2016	Dana Sears Seubert.....	1985
Katherine Merck (Miss Rodeo America 2016).....	2015	Jalynn Merz.....	1984
Audrey Ramsden (2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up MRA) .....	2014	Shauna Beeman.....	1983
Jessie Tennant .....	2013	Etta Thompson Keller .....	1982
Kylie Kooistra .....	2012	Carmen Flitton Clyde (Appearance Winner & Top 10 MRA).....	1981
Amanda Emerson .....	2011	Dacia Wood.....	1980
Katie Garfield (Top 10 MRA).....	2010	Terri White .....	1979
Nicole Ray Currey.....	2009	Lisa Hamilton .....	1978
Jessica Crouch Haggerty .....	2008	Myra Pearce Grinestaff .....	1977
Jesse Budd (Top 10 MRA).....	2007	Joanne Shadel.....	1976
Jessica West .....	2006	Lisa Witke Meredith.....	1975
Nichole Hewitt .....	2005	Karel Blair Dunn .....	1974
Meghanne Davis Amundson .....	2004	Sally Damon Roberts .....	1973
Krista Preszler .....	2003	Pam Sherman .....	1972
Michelle Oslie Rainey .....	2002	Margaret Surplus Bumgarner .....	1971
Anna Thomas Welling .....	2001	Janet Guenther .....	1970
Jaime Hinton (Top 10 MRA) .....	2000	Nicki Deal Hiner .....	1969
Alicia Baze .....	1999	Debbie Copenhaver (1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up MRA).....	1968
Trisha Laughlin Young .....	1998	Janet Barton Davis .....	1967
Gege Rolfe Villalobos .....	1997	Barbara Barnes Kammenzind (Congeniality MRA) .....	1966
Karie O'Donnell Herbers .....	1996	Barbara Curcio Tilcher .....	1965
Ruth Padgett McEndoo (Top 10 MRA) .....	1995	Sue Nuckolls Stewart .....	1964
Vicki Rae Holleman Perez .....	1994		

### Miss Teen Rodeo Washington 1997 – 2026

Madison McClanahan .....	2025	Kelsey Gunnier.....	2010
Jessa Thomas.....	2024	Carolyn Hunter.....	2009
Patricia Lynch .....	2023	Mandy Milovich.....	2008
Ava LaValley .....	2022	Sara Jane Prchal .....	2007
Chloe Brown .....	2020-2021	Alissa Brown .....	2006
Elyse Duarte .....	2019	Nikki Lanphear .....	2005
Shelby Eckenberg .....	2018	Rachel Ensor .....	2004
Katelynn Hurley .....	2017	Amanda Voelz .....	2003
Bailey Nachtigal .....	2016	Kristen Oas .....	2002
Mikayla Smith .....	2015	Leandra Fuller .....	2001
Brielle Stevens .....	2014	Janna Benz .....	2000
Beth Snider .....	2013	Jill Prchal .....	1998-1999
Maggie Little .....	2012	Casey Kooistra .....	1997-1998
Taylor Gainer .....	2011		