



2027 Contestant Rules

I Rules:

The Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connection with, or incident of the contest. The Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and is in its judgements, may deem advisable.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee:

1. Contestants must live within a 75-mile radius of the City of Yucaipa.
2. Contestants must be 6 to 24 years of age as of January 1, 2026.
3. If there are fewer than 3 contestants in any given age category, the committee has the right to cancel or omit that category or combine age categories for that year.
4. If there are no contestants in an age division, the Miss Rodeo Yucaipa Queen Committee has the right to appoint one or adjust the age divisions.
5. Contestants are not permitted to ride a stallion in the contest.
6. All contestants must score at least a 70% overall score to win. She must also complete all aspects of the contest.
7. The City of Yucaipa rule for the arena is anybody under 18 must wear a helmet.
8. Any contestant caught in a compromising position by any committee member will be automatically disqualified and will not be allowed to continue in the contest. Example – smoking, drinking, drugs, inappropriate public displays of affection or inappropriate social media engagement, etc.
9. Each contestant will be required to send in an application fee of \$50.00 with your application. This fee is non-refundable.
10. Contestants are required to attend and/or perform as directed by the contest schedule. The schedule will be handed out at the orientation.
11. Each contestant will be required to attend events that the City of Yucaipa or the Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee are holding for the promotional purposes of the Rodeo.
12. Each contestant will be required to bring in queen sponsorships equal to a minimum of \$550.00. This can be raised from sales of queen contest ads in our rodeo queen coronation program or monetary donations.
(Rodeo sponsors, rodeo ticket sales and coronation dinner ticket sales cannot be used to meet the minimum)
 - If the contestant does not meet the \$550 minimum in sales dollars the contestant will still be allowed to participate in the full contest, however, they will not be eligible for any prizes or a title.

- Queen coronation program ads are due earlier to provide time for the program booklet to be completed. An exact date is provided to contestants at the start of the contest. All queen program sponsors, ads and money must be turned in on the deadline. No money will be taken and ads will not be published if they are turned in after the deadline, **no exceptions**.
13. Each contestant will need to bring in at least one silent auction item valued at no less than \$50.00 for the prize drawing and silent auction to be held during the coronation dinner and dance.
 - A validated receipt or proof of cost must be provided and is still subject to committee review for finalized cost of goods granted for credit.
 - The committee reserves the right to not accept a raffle item if it is not in new condition, wrapped, and presented with a description in a manner that is ready to be displayed.
 - No sales credit will be given for any items brought in for silent auction in the last week leading up to the competition. All items are due at minimum a week prior.
 14. There will be a prize for salesmanship for the contestant bringing in the most in combined sales of rodeo tickets, queen coronation tickets, queen contest sponsorships, and rodeo sponsorships.
 15. Contestants must be single, never married, or have any children. If a reigning queen becomes married or becomes pregnant during her reign, she must relinquish her title immediately.
 16. Any harassment of the pageant committee, rodeo committee, judges or other contestants by another contestant or her family will be considered grounds for disqualification from the competition or removal of a title.
 17. The chaps are perpetual and the property of the Yucaipa Rodeo Committee. They must be kept in good condition during the reign of the Miss, Junior, Young and the Little Queen. If they are not, are damaged, or lost they must be replaced at the expense of the title owner. The chaps will be relinquished to the incoming queens.
 18. Title holders in any division may not run again in the same age division.
 19. Title holders may not run for another rodeo queen title during her reign unless it's for a state or national title. If a reigning queen obtains a state or national title, the rodeo committee has the discretion to release her from the remainder of her contract.
 20. Cell phones need to be silenced or off while you are at clinics, functions, and events. While riding in rodeos or at any event your cell phone can't be visible, i.e. sticking out of your back pocket. Please excuse yourself to answer your phone or text if you have an emergency.

Exceptional Miss contestant: Exceptional miss is a unique category that allows an applicant with special needs to experience the rodeo queen contest under the guidance of the rodeo queen committee. The contestant will be encouraged to participate to the best of their ability in all categories. At the conclusion of the contest the exceptional applicant will be highlighted as being an exceptional contestant.

Queen contest sponsors: Sponsorships for the queen contest can be for ads in our rodeo queen coronation program and monetary donations, or prizes in kind. A validated receipt or proof of cost must be provided and is still subject to committee review for finalized cost

of goods granted for credit. The dollar amount of these sponsorships will also be included with the salesmanship award.

Rodeo Event Sponsors: Please contact YucaipaRodeoSponsor@gmail.com for rodeo sponsorship information. Any rodeo sponsor acquired will not count towards the rodeo queen sponsorship requirements, although, rodeo sponsors acquired will go towards the salesmanship award. The queen contestants name must be listed on the event sponsor application at time of sponsor submission in order for the contestant to get credit towards salesmanship.

Apparel: Contestants are required to wear the following at each event

- **Interview, speech, queen coronation:** Dress slacks, colored, dark blue or white jeans (boot cut, dark denim only, no light wash, no skinny jeans, no holes or rips), dress, skirt (must be below the knee), long sleeve western shirt, felt hat (no straw hats and must be rodeo queen style/shaped), belt, western buckle, and sash
- **Horsemanship:** Western, boot cut jeans (colored, white or dark blue) or horsemanship pants, long sleeve western shirt, helmet, western boots, belt, western buckle and sash. No chaps allowed.

*****ALL ATTIRE INCLUDING SASH MUST BE CLEAN, IRONED AND PROFESSIONAL AT ALL TIMES*****

II Contest Components:

Age Divisions:

Little Miss: ages 6 to 9 years

Young Miss: ages 10 to 13 years

Junior Miss: ages 14 to 17 years

Miss: ages 18 to 24 years

Exceptional Miss: ages 6-24

Interview:

Contestants will be required to participate in an informal interview. Family members or friends will not be allowed at the interview, only contestants, judges, and committee members. Contestants will be judged on their overall appearance and presentation during the interview session.

Public Speaking and modeling:

Speech topics and details will be sent to the contestants when their application is received. As the contestants enter the stage they will model their outfit. A description of what they will be wearing will be turned in and read by the MC. The contestant will then start their speech.

Impromptu Question: Contestants will be asked impromptu questions immediately following their speech. Questions will be selected randomly.

Horsemanship:

Junior, and Senior Contestants will be required to perform a pattern, a queens run, and a flag run.

Young and Little Miss contestants will be required to perform a pattern and a queen's run. All contestants are required to use western tack.

III Judging

The committee will select judges for each event of the contest.

The points for the judging are as follows

Horsemanship pattern 150 points
Horsemanship interview 60 points
Flag run 60 points (Flag run only applies to junior and senior)
Queens run 30 points
Speech interview 80 points
Speech 150 points
Impromptu and Tack ID 70 points
Knowledge 50 points

Total points possible 650

IV Categories of prizes to be awarded

Horsemanship Award

Each category will have a horsemanship award for the contestant earning the highest amount of points in the horsemanship portion of the contest.

Public Speaking Award

This will be awarded to a contestant in each category for the highest score in the public speaking portion of the contest which includes the speech and impromptu questions.

Interview Award

This will be awarded to a contestant in each category for the highest score in the interview portion of the contest.

Congeniality Award

This award is voted on by the contestants and should be awarded to the most congenial person in the contest. Each contestant will vote for 1 girl in any age division during the competition. There are no points awarded for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

Photogenic Award

This award is chosen by a panel of judges based on contestant photos taken for the rodeo program. There are no points for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

Salesmanship Award

The contestant who sells the most rodeo tickets, coronation tickets, rodeo sponsorships, and rodeo queen pageant sponsorships will win the salesmanship award. There are no points for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

Education Award

The contestant in each division with the most points in the education portion of the contest.

V Responsibilities of the Reigning Rodeo Queens

Reigning 2027 Yucaipa Rodeo Queens will be expected to make the following appearances during the 2026/2027 City of Yucaipa and Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee events:

1. Ride in the 2026 Yucaipa Rodeo as a contestant.
2. Participate in City of Yucaipa and Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee events, as able, expectation is at least one event per month
3. Ride in the 2026 Yucaipa Christmas Parade
4. Ride in at least one other community parade such as the Cherry Festival parade in Beaumont, any of the Norco parades, and/or the Banning Stagecoach Days Parade in Banning..
5. Attend other rodeos throughout the 2026/2027 rodeo season. Mandatory local rodeos include: Norco Horseweek rodeo (April), Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo (August), and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rodeo(September). For these three, local rodeos, all queens will be required to ride in at least one performance.
6. Attend the 2027 Yucaipa rodeo queen contest and coronation.
7. Ride in the 2027 Yucaipa Rodeo event as the reigning queen.
8. Participate in all 2027 queen contestant events including information meeting, orientation, and clinics being held. (Must be fully dressed in queen attire and crown unless running for another title)

I have read and understood the rules of this contest:

Contestant signature

Parent or guardian signature if contestant is under 18

VI Tentative schedule of events,

All clinics and meetings will be held at the Yucaipa Equestrian Center arena and/or the office, 13273 California St, Yucaipa, CA 92399. This is a tentative schedule and are subject to change.

Photos will be taken at the Blooming Ridge Ranch, 9030 Whispering Pines Rd. Cherry Valley.

- 2/22/26- Office ORIENTATION 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. We will discuss the contest rules and expectations during the contest. We will also go over hair, clothing and makeup tips so the contestants are aware of what is expected during the contest and during their reign.
- 3/01/26 - Arena and Office- Horsemanship and speech clinic. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Clothing exchange.
- 3/15/26 - Arena and Office- Horsemanship and speech clinic. 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Clothing exchange.
 - Tips on stage presence and modeling.
 - **3/15/26- DEADLINE TO TURN IN APPLICATION. Application and application fee must be turned in by midnight, no exceptions. You don't need to wait until the deadline to turn in your application and acquire sponsors, You can start immediately.**
- 3/22/26- Contestant Photos start, 11:00 a.m. We will have sign ups for time slots.
Photos will be at Blooming Ridge Ranch in Cherry Valley.
 - 10:30 for those wanting help with hair and make-up.
 - You can practice your speech with committee members and receive pointers during photos.
- 3/29/26- Arena and Office- 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Queen clinic with Miss Rodeo California, Sujhey Rosas and Miss Rodeo Alaska, Emily Cullins
- 4/15/26- **DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL MONEY and for rodeo program ads.**
- 4/19/26- Arena and Office- Speech and Knowledge clinic. 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Clothing exchange.
 - Tips on stage presence and modeling.
 - **Flag tryouts** 1:00 p.m. and Horsemanship clinic immediately following at 1:30pm
 - Flag tryouts are for contestants only. No open tryouts.
- 5/15/26- **DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL MONEY AND ADS for Queen Coronation Program.**

Rodeo Grand Entry rehearsal MANDATORY Thursday May 14th 5:00pm

May 15th and 16th...Rodeo time!

Contest and Coronation Schedule, 2026

Sunday, May 24th:

9:00 a.m. Interviews will be held at the Yucaipa Arena Office. Committee members and contestants only. Parents are only allowed outside.

12:00 p.m. - We will break for lunch at approximately noon, the contestants will have lunch with the committee members and judges inside the office. No parents

1:00 p.m. Horsemanship - Yucaipa Arena. Public is invited to watch. We will start with the little contestants, young contestants, junior contestants, and end with the Miss contestants. The order of go in each age division will be by a draw of numbers by the contestants. The order of go chosen for the horsemanship contest will be reversed for the Speech contest.

Education stations will be during horsemanship in the office. Contestants only will be allowed in the office during this time.

Sunday, May 31st:

9:00 a.m. Doors open for contestants and parents only. Stage practice

10:00 a.m. Doors open to everyone with a ticket

10:30 p.m. Speech contest, modeling, and Impromptu questions. Order of go will be the reverse order of the number chosen for horsemanship.

12:00 p.m. (Approximately) Lunch will be served immediately following speeches.

1:30 p.m. Line Dancing with an instructor.

5:00 p.m. Coronation, door prize drawing, and silent auction.

7:00 p.m. End of event

