

Lonoke County Fair Rodeo Queens Info Packet

Welcome Ladies,

We couldn't be more excited that you are here! We are so glad that you get to be part of the fun!! In this packet you should find all that you need to know about being a contestant in our pageant. To serve as a Lonoke County Rodeo Queen means to promote our great county and state, the sport of rodeo, our fair, a love for animals, as well as this great western lifestyle that we live. Rodeo queens are the ideal, western, American girl who represents all the cowgirls that came before her and those that will come after her and that are watching her today! The Lonoke County Fair Rodeo Queens is not a beauty pageant; however, we do expect to have a young lady to act as a representative who will act, speak, and dress in a manner that is comparable to the honor and respect that the title "Rodeo Queen" deserves. This young lady should be one who; wishes to be a leader in her community, loves horses, livestock, and everything that they represent, as well as portray good sportsmanship, and horsemanship. A rodeo Queen is also able to speak intelligently, sincerely, and with pride in the interest of rodeo and livestock. This young lady should also be ambitious and wish to further her skills that are learned as a rodeo queen and use those to not only represent herself and her family, but also her county and state.

Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Association Director

Whitney White

Contest Categories

Horsemanship

Each contestant will ride in the horsemanship competition, which will include completing the provided pattern, a brief interview and a queen's run.

Contestants will be judged on

- Control of the animal and the way any situation that may occur is handled
- Balance – the ability to sit in the saddle
- Position of hands, feet, and seat.
- Dismounting for all contestants. Senior, Junior, and Little Miss contestants should mount to exit, princess contestants will lead their horse to exit.
- The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the ability of the horse
- All equipment should be clean, and in good working order. Contestants must use split reins, and bit or hackamore.
- Judges and rodeo queen supervisor reserve the right to disallow any equipment they feel is unsafe or inhumane.
- Tiedowns may be used if needed
- Appearance; grooming of the horse and rider; cleanliness and neatness of tack.
- Arena wave/Bust out; control of animal, smile and attention to crowd, safeness and confidence displayed in run, complete usage of arena. Poise in the saddle.
- Knowledge of questions; horse related issues, anatomy, equipment, ability to clearly state answer, poise, and self-confidence.

Interview

The judges will interview each contestant. Judges will have a copy of each contestant application. Questions will be asked to test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, horsemanship, current events, rodeo, and the fair.

Contestants will be judged on

- Knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, anatomy, etc.
- Knowledge of the fair and rodeo (board members, sponsors, producers, contractors, etc.)
- Conversational ability, correct grammar, ability to handle themselves in the interview.

Modeling

The contestant will showcase the contestant's appearance and personality.

Contestants will be judged on

- their poise and posture; ladylike behavior; modeling structure; self-confidence, attention to audience and judges.

Prepared Speech Each contestant is required to give a speech on the topic given.

Contestants will be judged on

- Content, delivery, and the time requirements
- All speeches must be original to the contestant and memorized.
- Speech topics will be given when entry is completed
- Speech should be appropriate to topic in contestant's own words and knowledge of the subject
- Self-confidence, poise, ability to project the message to an audience, correct grammar usage, genuine warmth, age appropriateness, sense of humor etc.
- Time requirements *Sr Contestants 1-2 min *Jr Contestants 30 seconds -1min *Little Miss Contestants 30 sec * Princess contestants will not have a speech

Impromptu Questions

will be drawn out of a hat as the contestant walks on stage. The questions will be personality, current events, horse, fair and rodeo knowledge.

Contestants will be judged on

self-confidence, poise, ability to clearly state an opinion and/or facts relating to the question.

Appearance

Each contestant's appearance will be judged at each event.

Contestants will be judged on

- Proper wardrobe choices for each event
- Attention to detail
- Hat Cleanliness, shape, and fit (helmets are acceptable for all riding portions of the contest.)
- When on the fairground's long pants, long sleeve western shirts with collars, cowboy hat, and belt are required OR official contestant shirt can be worn in place of a long sleeve shirt. (T-shirts not acceptable when rodeo is going on.)
- You must always have your contestant number visible.
- Interview Attire – Western styled long sleeve dress or skirt and long sleeve top with cowboy hat and boots.
- Horsemanship – Dark, bootcut, western style jeans with no fading or stoning. A solid white or colored long sleeve button down shirt with no embellishments or extra stitching/embroidery. A scarf or wild rag is permitted.
- Fashionable/modern western attire – any “off the rack” type western outfit to show the contestants personal style and fashion choices.
- Neatness and Fit
- Hair and makeup

Category Winners

- *Horsemanship - Winner will have the highest total cumulative horsemanship scores received.
- *Interview - The winner will have the highest total cumulative interview/speech/modeling scores received.
- *Miss Congeniality - The winner will be voted on by the contestants.
- *Appearance - will be judged by a group of silent judges throughout the contest. This will be based on proper wardrobe choices, neatness and fit, attention to detail, as well as hat cleanliness, shape and fit. This award will not be based on cost or brand of clothing.

Division Queen - The winner of each division will have the highest composite score from all judging aspects, to include interview, speech, impromptu question, horsemanship, and silent judge.

Division Runner Up - The runner up of each division will have the second highest score from all judging aspects. To include interview, speech, impromptu question, horsemanship, and silent judge.

Tie Breaker - If there is a tie Judge #1s overall score will be used to determine the winner, then judge 2, and judge 3, if the judges overall scores are still tied the highest horsemanship score will be used.

Judges and Results - Score sheets will not be handed out. Scores/placings will not be discussed immediately after crowning when emotions are high. Judges will be encouraged to leave notes, these will be available by request only.

***Not presented in each division, but the highest score for all contestants.**

Miss Lonoke County Rodeo Queen Contest

Supervisor: Whitney White 501-743-1429

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| * Rodeo Princess 5-8 years old | * Little Miss Rodeo 9-12 years old |
| * Junior Miss Rodeo 13-16 years old | * Senior Miss Rodeo 17-20 years old |

Entry Fee

\$50 entry fee required by cashier's check or money order made payable to Lonoke Co. Fair, by September 1st.

**You may bring your entry fee to the Information Clinic, or mail to
Lonoke County Fair c/o Whitney White,
245 Eastland Acres Dr.
Ward, AR. 72176**

Entry should be completed by Google Form that is linked on the website.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1. Must be single and never married or have had any children (and not currently pregnant)**
- 2. Each contestant shall sign a liability waiver releasing Lonoke County Fair & Livestock Association from all liability. As well as a sportsmanship agreement.**
- 3. Contestants must be a legal resident of Lonoke, Prairie, Arkansas, Pulaski, or Jefferson counties.**
- 4. Each contestant must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone – approved by the contestant's parent who must accompany them throughout the contest. (Boyfriends are NOT considered chaperones.)**
- 5. Contestants must attend the informational meeting (see schedule) or arrange another time with the supervisor to go over information. A color 8x10 headshot must be provided at this time. (this headshot does not have to be professional, will be used outside and will not be returned)**
- 6. Horsemanship pattern and speech topic will be mailed or emailed when complete entry is received.**
- 7. All entry forms and fees are due no later than the Sept 1st information meeting.**
- 8. No Stallions allowed.**
- 9. Inclement weather policy: Schedule subject to change if weather conditions are deemed unsafe.**
- 10. Contestants must stall and provide total care for ALL horses used in the contest at the fairgrounds.**
- 11. Contestants must identify their horse stall(s) with their name, horses name, and contestant number.**
- 12. NO phones during pageant activities. (The supervisor will have their phone with all provided emergency contacts.)**
- 13. Contestants must be on time for every event or points could be deducted!**
- 14. Absolutely no boyfriends should be seen or present while representing.**
- 15. ZERO vulgarity, smoking (including vapes), drinking or unruly behavior.**
- 16. Make yourself available to volunteer on fairgrounds and during events. You must work a minimum of one livestock species show.**
- 17. Crowned Queens are required to return the following year to crown new queens and lead their age divisions throughout the contest. As well attend a minimum of 4 events throughout the year.**
- 18. Chosen Queens will not be eligible to compete in the same age division for a minimum of two fair years.**
- 22. Chosen Queens cannot compete for or hold another county title while holding the title of Lonoke County Fair Rodeo Queen.**
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2026 LCF RODEO QUEEN CONTEST SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Attire
Tuesday Sept 1st	Info Meeting / Entries Due	6:45 PM	Casual
Tuesday Sept 22nd	Horses must be in place	7:00 PM	Casual
Wednesday Sept 23rd	Livestock Shows	by Signup	Contestants Choice
	Must be checked in	4:30 PM	Horsemanship Attire
	Horsemanship	5:00 PM	Horsemanship Attire
Thursday Sept 24th	Horseshow	9:00 AM	Contestants Choice
	Parade Line Up	4:00 PM	Patriotic
	Rodeo Kitchen - Little Miss, Jr, Sr	Following Parade	Fair T-Shirt
Friday Sept 25th	Livestock Shows	By Signup	Contestants Choice
	Rodeo Queen Introductions	7:00 PM	Patriotic
Saturday Sept 26th	Modeling/Speech/onstage Questions	10:00 AM	Stage Outfit
	Interviews	To Follow	Interview Dress / Skirt
	Crowning	6:30 PM	Contestant Choice
	Horses can leave / Stall Breakdown	11:00 PM	Casual