

Contestant Eligibility

- Each contestant must be between the ages of 18-25. A copy of the contestant's birth certificate must accompany the entry application.
- The entry application, which includes a waiver of liability, must be signed by each contestant.
- Each contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America and a legal resident or student in the states of South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, or Wyoming.
- Each contestant must not be/have been a parent and/or pregnant, married, or divorced, and never convicted a crime. If any of this should happen during the queen's reign, she will forfeit her title and all prizes.
- Each contestant must not be currently holding another queen title.
- Contestants must not be related to any Miss Range Days Rodeo Committee participant and/or work with a committee member within a 30-day period before the pageant.
- Contestants must provide one horse for the horsemanship competition and for Range Days Rodeo if chosen as Miss Range Days Rodeo. The horse the contestant uses will be the same horse used for the second half of the horsemanship competition where

horses will be drawn for an equitation pattern between the contestants and each contestant will ride another contestant's horse.

- Each contestant is required to pay for their own transportation and lodging. Check with the pageant coordinator if we will have rooms available. Food will be provided only at specific times.
- Each contestant must comply with all rules shown herein. Miss Range Days Rodeo committee and Central States Fair committee reserves the right to disqualify and contestant for rule infractions.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages or use of tobacco, and or vape products during competition for Miss Range Days Rodeo will result in disqualification.
- Complete cooperation must be given from all contestants to pageant and rodeo personnel.

Entry Procedure

Entry Application

- Each prospective contestant must complete an official Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen application.
- **One** 8x10 color photograph, **three** color billfold vertical head and shoulder photographs, and **one** digital photograph of the contestant must accompany the application. All photographs must be the same picture. Digital photos must be emailed to queens@blackhillsstockshow.com or uploaded with the application.
- Each contestant will submit one page resume that should include the following:
 - Education
 - Scholastic Ambition
 - Honors
 - Accomplishments
 - Hobbies and Interests
 - School Activities
- Each contestant will submit a short biography to be used for social media, newspapers, and programs (125 words or less).
- Each contestant will submit an index card with an arena biography on it.

- Each contestant will submit an index card with a script for the dress they will model.
- Each contestant will submit an index card with a script for the fashion forward outfit they will model.
- Each contestant will submit a copy of their birth certificate and drivers license or student ID.
- Each contestant will submit the signed waiver and horsemanship waiver.

Registration Fee

- The pageant registration fee is **\$50.00** and must accompany the entry application. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to: Brittney Lambert, Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen Coordinator.

Entry Deadline

- Entries must be received at the address indicated on the entry application no later than August 4th, 2024. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Sportsmanship

The Miss Range Days Rodeo queen committee expects each contestant, parents, friends, and relatives to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest and after coronation. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and could result in disqualification and affect further eligibility to compete in the Miss Range Days Rodeo pageant.

Loss of Title and Benefits

The woman awarded the title of Miss Range Days Rodeo will sign a contract that explains the expectations to hold the title of Miss Range Days Rodeo and will also explain the loss of title and benefits.

Determination of Winners

- The contestant with the highest total score in each category will be the winner of that category. The contestant with the overall score for each category combined, totaling **70% or higher**, will be named Miss Range Days Rodeo. In the case of only one contestant, the total overall score must still be **70% or higher** in order to be named Miss Range Days Rodeo. If this set

standard is not achieved, the title will remain unfulfilled for that year.

- The contestant with the second highest will be named the 1st runner-up and so fourth.
- If for any reason the contestant chosen as Miss Range Days Rodeo is unable to complete her reign, she will immediately forfeit all awards, and the 1st runner-up will assume the title and responsibilities.
- Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants. If the chance of one contestant runs for the title, there will be no Miss Congeniality portion.

Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen Duties

- The women chosen to represent the Miss Range Days Rodeo **must** attend the following events. Any deviation from this schedule must be approved of, in writing, from the Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen coordinator, Brittnay Lambert.
 - All the 2024 PRCA rodeos held during the Central States Fair/Range Days Rodeo and any other event asked to attend by the Central States Fair/Range Days rodeo committee and the Miss Range Days Rodeo coordinator.

- **Must attend these three pre-approved rodeos: Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo, Black Hills Roundup, and Days of 76 Rodeo/parade.**

A schedule will be given to the new queen at coronation with suggested events for the Central States Fair and upcoming events throughout the year.

Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen Judging Guidelines

Judges

- Three judges will judge all pageant events with no alternate bring used. The committee reserves the right to have a secret judge behind the scenes (watching behavior, manners, and personality).
- Judging will occur during all pageant activities. It will begin at the contestant's first activity and continue throughout the pageant. Judges may attend any or all pageant events that are not scored: therefore, you should be yourself at all times.
- Scores are tallied by at least two members of the Miss Range Days Rodeo Committee.
- In the event that someone on the queen committee board has a relation, mentorship, or other close relationship with a contestant, an external auditor will

tally the scores that will be delivered in an envelope that is sealed. Additionally in this situation, any impromptu topics, interview questions, draw questions, position draws, and anything of the like will be created by an external source. Said committee members will not have access to these prior to pageant day.

- Contestants and individuals related to a contestant may not contact judges before, during, or after the pageant in order to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported to the queen coordinator and disqualification of that contestant may result.

Judged Events

- **Horsemanship:** Each contestant will ride their own horse in the first go-round of the horsemanship competition, provided pattern portion. A draw will be done for the order, each go. In the second go-round of horsemanship, equitation and or judges' pattern, no contestant will ride the same horse as the first go-round.
 - **Round #1:** Reining pattern (provided in entry application), which may be followed by a flag run and queen wave.

- **Round #2:** Contestants will draw between each other's horses and perform either equitation on rail and or a pattern set by the judges.

Contestants may not use spurs during any horsemanship portion of the contest.

The outfit for this portion should include a blouse and jeans of your chosen color, western boots, cowboy hat, and a belt with trophy buckle.

(The Miss Range Days Rodeo pageant judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions).

- **Interview:** Judges will privately interview each contestant for a length of **20 minutes**. Questions asked will be testing the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, PRCA, Range Days Rodeo, current affairs, and personal questions from resume given in application.

The outfit should be interview appropriate (suit jacket with slacks or skirt), western belt with trophy buckle, cowboy hat and cowboy boots.

- **Speech:**

- **Extemporaneous Speech:** Each contestant will receive 3 topics to choose from. She will model her dressy western outfit for this portion. There are 10 minutes for each contestant to prepare a **two-minute** speech. Judging is based on content, delivery, knowledge, poise, professionalism, and the time allotted for the presentation.

The outfit should be a long formal “western” dress, cowboy boots, cowboy hat, western belt with trophy buckle.

- **Media Event:** Contestants will model their western fashion forward outfit during this event and sponsor outfits that will be provided. **Three** current event and/or PRCA rodeo questions will be asked, which the contestant will draw the questions she will be asked.

The outfit for this portion is a trendy, fun, western fashion forward type outfit. It must have cap sleeves or longer, skirt/dress, slacks/leggings, jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat, western belt with trophy buckle.

Sponsor outfits will be picked by the sponsors themselves and each contestant will model two sponsor outfits.

- **Photogenic Quality:** Judges will score the required unframed color, 8x10 vertical head and shoulder photograph submitted by each contestant.

If a contestant is late for any function, she will receive a **5-point** deduction off her total score for each infraction.

Category Winners

Awards will be given for the following categories:

- Horsemanship
- Photogenic's
- Miss Congeniality (voted on by the contestants)
- 1st Runner-up
- Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen

The committee may, at its opinion, present awards for additional categories.

Ties for category winners: All category award ties will be broken by referring to judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If the tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used, and so on until the tie is broken. The horsemanship scores will break the final tie for Miss Range Days Rodeo Queen.

Awards Presentation

- All contestants must attend the awards presentation dressed in a blouse of their choice with jeans, cowboy boots, cowboy hat, and western belt with trophy buckle. Should a contestant not attend, she will automatically forfeit any awards.
- Contestants are provided a parking pass to access the fairgrounds but family members who wish to watch the coronation must purchase a ticket/pass.