2026 Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo

Queen's Competition Guidelines

The Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo Queen's Competition seeks to build young women up, advocate for rodeo- the official state sport of Texas- and celebrate the young women who are a vital part of Texas' rodeo culture.

Competition Details

Each contestant will be judged on personal interview, impromptu questions, and modeling. Judges will observe manners, behavior and grooming at all times. ***(There will be no horsemanship competition in 2026.)***

Interview: Each contest will be asked questions pertaining to horsemanship, rodeo, equine health, and/or current events during the personal interview. Each personal interview will last up to 10 minutes.

Attire: Western wear: western dress shirt, boots, belt, and felt hat. No chaps.

Impromptu Question: Each contestant will be asked impromptu questions during horsemanship. Questions can relate to the horse, saddle, or their personal horsemanship journey.

Attire: Same outfit as Interview.

Modeling: Contestants will model one dressy western outfit that is up to date and current rodeo queen style. Contestants will be judged on confidence, poise, stage presence.

Attire: Rodeo Queen Formal. Sleeves must be full length, and skirts must be ankle length. No cleavage; jackets and skirts or full length dress allowed. No slits please. Outfit must include a belt. If you have questions on what is appropriate, please reach out to the director for support.

General Queen's Contestant Dress Code:

1) **Sleeve Length**: All sleeves must be full length to the wrist. No short or ¾ sleeved dresses, jackets, or blouses allowed. *This rule is to align with the PRCA arena sleeve length rule and applies the entire pageant*.
2) **Belt**: All outfits must include a belt.
3) **Cowboy Hat**: All outfits must include a cowboy hat. Your hat should be clean and well-shaped. Standard cowboy hat (not fashion or straw hat).

4) **Cowboy Boots**: All outfits must include cowboy boots. Your boots should be clean and polished.

Judges will deduct points if any of the dress code rules are broken. If you have any questions on what is appropriate, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Director for support and guidance.

Competition Dates

Sunday, March 8, 1-5pm- Optional Interview Practice (Please RSVP by Friday March 4)

Sunday, March 15, 1-5pm- Interview & Impromptu Questions Competition

Wednesday Evening, March 25- Optional Modeling practice

Thursday Evening, March 26- Modeling Competition & Crowning/Awards

Queens will be expected to attend the first portion of the Rodeo on the evening of March 27th & 28 for appearances (Queens will not need a ticket, accompanying adults will need tickets). Available Queens will also help with the Kids rodeo awards on Saturday, March 28 from 9:30am-1pm and the Day in the Ring on April 3. Other appearance opportunities may become available during the rodeo.