



Washington County Fair Rodeo Queen Contest Process

1. The contest for the rodeo queen will be held Monday, July 7th, 2025, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Arlington, Nebraska.
 - a. Please bring three (3) completed copies of your entry form and one photo of you, headshot style.
 - b. Please read all the eligibility and rules page.
2. The contest will begin at 6:00pm and will consist of three sections, to be scored separately by qualified judges.
 - a. The first will be a personal interview with each contestant. Judging will be based upon congeniality, general knowledge of horses, rodeo and horse current events.
 - b. The second will be a horsemanship pattern. Each contestant will be given a pattern to ride and will be judged upon their riding ability. After the pattern each contestant must carry a flag and ride one lap around the arena, they must show they can walk and trot with the flag (if comfortable the contestant may lope/canter). Each contestant must ride the horse they plan to use in the rodeo grand entry.
 - c. The third score is given based upon the information each contestant provides in her biography on the entry form. Grammar and spelling are important.
3. The scores of the three sections will be totaled. The contestant with the highest overall combined total score will be awarded the Washington County Rodeo Queen title. The contestant with the second highest overall combined score will be named Runner-up. In the case of a tie, the score for the horsemanship section will be used as a tie breaker.
4. The results of the contest will be announced prior to the 7:00pm Rodeo on Saturday, July 26th. All contestants are to be introduced on horseback. All contestants are invited to assist during the rodeo with mutton busting both Saturday and Sunday.
5. The Queen and the Runner-Up are required to attend both Washington County Fair Rodeo performances on Saturday (July 26) and Sunday (July 27). The Queen and Runner-Up are asked to assist in the rodeo with mutton busting, turnback of roping calves and to ride in the Washington County Fair Parade on Sunday at 4:30pm.