

**MISS TEEN RODEO  
NEBRASKA  
PAGEANT  
2011**

*Under the Direction of  
Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc.*

**RULES  
AND  
REGULATIONS**

*REVISED February 2011*

**PAGEANT DATES  
JUNE 12,13,14,15, 2011  
NORTH PLATTE NE**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE  
APRIL 1, 2011**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**To provide an opportunity for young women of high  
moral and ethical character to promote Nebraska  
and the sport of rodeo.**

## WHAT TYPE OF LADY DOES MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA SYMBOLIZE?

1. The lady who wishes to be a leader in her community and further promotes the western way of life.
2. The lady who loves horses and everything they represent and who wants to show the rest of the world what can be accomplished while surrounded by this environment.
3. The lady who desires to act as an official representative of rodeo, portraying good sportsmanship and **high moral and ethical character**, and reflecting careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo in its entirety, enough to be able to explain and "sell" rodeo to anyone with whom she may come in contact. She should be able to speak intelligently, with dignity and sincere interest in rodeo. She should realize the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant is not a beauty pageant; however, she should act, speak and dress according to the prestige the title deserves.
4. The ambitious lady who is interested in furthering her chosen career.

## WHO IS MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is a young lady who strives to promote the State of Nebraska and the Sport of Rodeo, and in so doing, promote the great western way of life. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will be a talented, personable horsewoman with the vast knowledge of the sport of rodeo, the equine industry, and the State of Nebraska. She is a young lady who enjoys travel and has a sincere interest in garnering educational experiences, which will assist in laying a solid foundation for her future.

## MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS

2006 - Jennifer Calvin – North Platte, NE  
2007 – Tamara Moorhead – Ogallala, NE  
2008 – Kristin Kohmetscher – Lawrence, NE  
2009 – Matisyn Humphrey—Grant, NE  
2010 – Shelby Peters – Red Cloud, NE

**MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA  
SUMMARY OF SCORING CRITERIA**

JUDGED EVENT	PERSONALITY	APPEARANCE	HORSE-MANSHIP	KNOWLEDGE	TOTAL POINT
TEST				60	<b>60</b>
HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION	50	50	250	50	<b>400</b>
PERSONALITY INTERVIEW	60	60	0	50	<b>170</b>
PHOTOGENIC	30	30	0	0	<b>60</b>
LUNCHEON	30	30	0	0	<b>60</b>
HORSEMANSHIP INTERVIEW	50	50	0	50 Rodeo Questions	<b>150</b>
STYLE SHOW MODELING QUESTIONS	50	40	0	Modeling 30 Questions 20	<b>140</b>
** SPEECH	40	40	0	80	<b>160</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>1200</b>
** SPEECH	THESIS 10	ORGANIZATION 10	STYLE & SUPPORT 30	DELIVERY 30	<b>80</b>

**HISTORY OF MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT**

The concept of Miss Rodeo America was developed in 1955 by a group of gentlemen under the name of International Rodeo Management (IRM). The same year Burwell, Nebraska selected its first Miss Rodeo Nebraska. Dallas Hunt George of Lincoln, Nebraska, held the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska in 1955 and 1956. She won the Regional title in Omaha, Nebraska at the AK-SAR-BEN Rodeo in 1956 and went on to compete and win the Miss Rodeo America title in 1957.

Laura (Lolly) Cameron Klug won the 1957 Miss Rodeo Nebraska title. She won the Regional title at AR-SAR-BEN and competed at Miss Rodeo America. In 1959 she was selected Buffalo Bill Rodeo Queen and given the title of Miss Rodeo Northwest. She then competed again at Miss Rodeo America where she was selected second runner-up.

In 1991, after 36 years of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant being held in Burwell, NE, the pageant was moved to Nebraska's official state celebration, NEBRASKALAND DAYS and the Buffalo Bill PRCA Rodeo at North Platte, NE. In 2000 the schedule was changed from three days to four days.

Also in 1991, NEBRASKALAND Days began presenting a \$1,000 scholarship each year to the young woman chosen as MRN. The MRN Scholarship Program has continued to grow and, at this time, is able to give over \$5,000 in scholarship money.

The Pageant that began in 1955 continues to be held annually to select a young lady who has the desire and enthusiasm to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the "Sport of Rodeo" and the State of Nebraska.

In 2006 the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. expanded their program to include the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.

## EXPECTATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONTESTANTS/MTRN

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association feels it is important to share with you the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association's Mission Statement and what is expected of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska as well as our contestants.

### MRNA Mission Statement

**“To provide an opportunity for young women of high moral and ethical character to promote Nebraska and the sport of rodeo.”**

Contestants competing for the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska as well as the reigning Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska are in the public eye twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. You represent not only yourselves, but also the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Nebraska rodeo, and the State of Nebraska. You are a role model for children, teens, other area rodeo queens, and all who will seek the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska one day. Therefore, it is very important that conduct by contestants and the queen be exemplary at all times. The public will recognize you even when you are not at a scheduled appearance. You are expected to be dressed and behave appropriately at all times.

We would like to point out a few areas that the MRNA feels play a large role in achieving acceptable moral and ethical character:

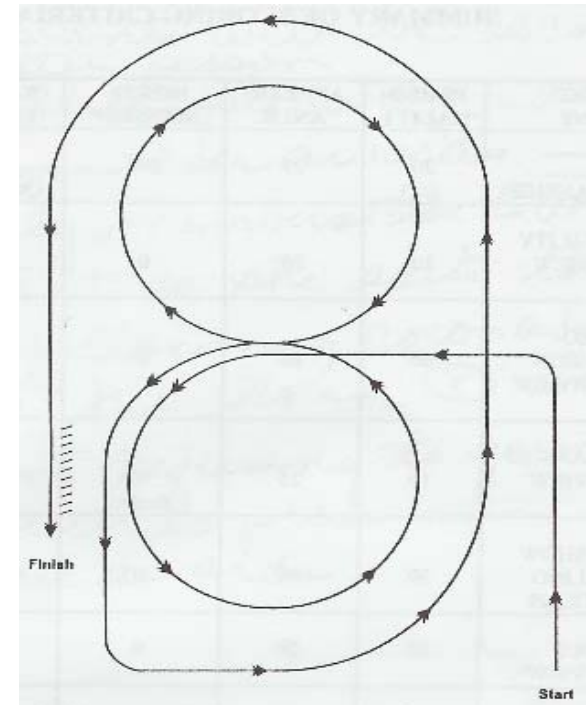
- **Language:** Language will be grammatically correct to the best of the Individual's capability. Slang or swearing will not be tolerated. Conversations will not be of a lewd nature.
- **Dress:** Dress should be appropriate to the activity. Extremely low cut or provocative clothing will not be allowed. Pierced earrings may be worn (preferably only one set of earrings); however, all other pierced jewelry is not acceptable. Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- **Publicity/Internet/Modeling:** No suggestive or sexually explicit photography will be allowed – this type of “advertising” does not project the ideals of a Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska.

### **General Words of Advice for Potential/Reigning Royalty**

- If on your first thought about whether or not you should do something...if there is any doubt..**DON'T DO IT!**
- If it doesn't read well on the front page of the newspaper, **DON'T DO IT!**
- You are guilty by association...so watch the company you keep
- You have a responsibility as a titleholder, most importantly you are always representing **YOURSELF**
- You will be evaluated and critiqued everywhere you go – especially out of your hometown or home state – Talk It – Walk It – Act It - be a **PROFESSIONAL**
- Sell Yourself – Stand Tall – Think Tall – Smile Tall – Live Tall
- Work until the job is done
- Be a good Listener – don't complain
- **NEVER BE LATE**
- **ALWAYS BE RESPONSIBLE AND.....**
- **.....ALWAYS BE A LADY**

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association looks forward to assisting young women to reach their goals; however, we will not tolerate any violation of conduct. Applications for the pageant may be denied, or crown removed if it determined that a potential contestant or MTRN queen has violated this code of conduct.

## HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN #1 Contestant will use her own horse.



### HorsemanSHIP Pattern #1:

1. Do extended jog along side of arena, then to center
2. Begin lope at center of arena and lope left circle on left lead
3. Flying lead change at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead
4. Flying lead change at center of arena and continue loping around end of arena
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena
6. Stop and back
7. Do a Presentation ride (Queen's Salute at end of routine)
8. Walk to judges and dismount for questions.
9. Remount and exit arena.

The MRN judges reserves the right to make alternation and/or additions to this pattern.

**MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION  
Eligibility Requirements**

1. **Age:** I will be 14 to 18 years of age as of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
2. **U.S. Citizen:** I am a citizen of the United States of America.
3. **Resident of State:** I am a resident of the State of Nebraska.
4. **Education:** I am currently enrolled in a High School in the state of Nebraska.
5. **Gender:** I am female and have always been female
6. **Marital Status:** I am not currently married and have never been married
7. **Parental Status:** I am not a parent of any child and I am not and have never been pregnant
8. **Good Character:** I am of good moral character. I have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude.
9. **No Criminal Record:** I have not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses).
10. **Health:** I am in good health and I do not have any health concerns, which would prevent me from fully participating in this contest or from serving as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska if selected.
11. **Substance Abuse:** I do not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed.) I do not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
12. **Contractual Obligations:** I am not under any contractual obligations which would interfere with my ability to participate in this contest or interfere with my ability to perform as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, if selected.
13. **No Other Acts Detrimental to Reputation:** I have not engaged in any act, which if made public, would be reasonably likely to cause harm or damage to my reputation or to the goodwill and reputation of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association (If I have any concerns about the applicability of this provision, I acknowledge I have been advised to discuss this with a representative of Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association prior to signing this form).
14. **Ability to Perform:** To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that will interfere with my ability to compete in this contest or to perform the obligations of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, if selected.
15. **Verification All Statements are True: I VERIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS; ALL OF THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Signature

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**CONTESTANTS ELIGIBILITY**

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- A. Each Contestant must be 14 to 18 years of age as of the first day of the contest. Contestant must be a permanent resident of the State of Nebraska and must live at home with a parent or legal guardian during her reign or maintain her legal address with parent or legal guardian.
- B. The entry application, which includes a waiver of liability and an authorization for general background check, must be signed by the contestant by the time of entry closing.
- C. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America, and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one (1) year prior to the entry closing date for the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant.
- D. Contestant shall not have been a previous Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska, or held the title of "Miss Teen Rodeo" in any other state.
- E. Contestant certifies that she has never been married, pregnant, terminated a pregnancy or given birth to a child. Contestant has never been charged and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
- F. Contestant will have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions precedents to competition.
- G. Contestant hereby grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Assn to verify any and all information contained on her application and attest that the information she has provided is true.
- H. All Contestants will be subjected to a public records search prior to application being accepted by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee; this will include an internet search.
- I. A Contestant must agree to abide by Pageant Rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions. Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, a meeting of the MRN Pageant Committee will be held and proper measures will be taken with the most severe being disqualification for infractions.
- J. The Committee feels that it is the duty and obligation of anyone in a competition of this status to portray the highest of moral and ethical standards, show the true ideals of young womanhood and set an example above reproach.
- K. The winner of the Pageant must agree not to marry the year of her reign. If she should marry, the title will go to the next runner-up, and she will forfeit all prizes and monies received from the Pageant and during her reign as MTRN.
- L. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association's Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from participating in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and in the Board's total discretion.
- M. The Contestant chosen for the next Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska agrees to forfeit any rodeo queen title that she may currently hold and will not represent another title while serving as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2011
- N. Contestant must not currently be a state titleholder of any other national pageant (ie High School Rodeo Queen, Miss Teen Nebraska etc.).
- O. Contestant shall not have previously had her MTRN pageant application denied, been disqualified or had the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska forfeited in the past.
- P. Once a contestant has won or carried the title of MTRN, she cannot compete for the title of MTRN again.
- Q.

## LOSS OF TITLE AND BENEFITS

Subsequent to the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, any person being awarded the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska and/or otherwise becoming the successor thereto, shall not:

- a. be or have been previously married and/or pregnant,
- b. be charged with and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude,
- c. compete in and /or otherwise participate in any other beauty and/or talent contest, pageant and/or activity; nor will she carry any other "title" during her reign as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska.
- d. solicit, negotiate or contract with any third person for appearance photographs, interviews, sponsorships and/or endorsements during the year of her reign. Upon the occurrence of any of the above events, the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska together with any provisions of Participation Agreement, the Contestant Agreement, Pageant Rules and Regulations, or Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Contract.

If it has been determined by the MRNA Executive Board that MTRN has violated any of the above mentioned infractions, she will have her title taken away and she will not be allowed to enter the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, or the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in the future. Also, MTRN will forfeit her crown and all benefits, to include sponsorship money, scholarships, and gifts derived from winning the title of MTRN.

## ENTRY FORMS

The Pageant Chairperson will receive the official entry forms, postmarked no later than April 1, 2011. The following will be required with the application.

1. Non-refundable entry fee of \$100.
2. Signed and notarized entry application.
3. Signed authorization for general background check.
4. Five (5) color – billfold size photos (head and shoulders ONLY).
5. Proof of residency.
6. Birth certificate or registration of birth.
7. Letter of recommendation attached from school official or teacher.

## HOUSING

All Contestants will be lodged at the Mid Plains Community College student housing. Rooms and meals will be furnished for the contestant for the duration of the contest.

## CELL PHONES

Possession of and/or use of cell phones by contestants during competition is not permitted.

## CHAPERONES

The Contestants will be under supervision of the Pageant Chaperones from the time they arrive until after Coronation. The Chaperones will escort the Contestants to and from ALL functions during the Pageant.

## AWARDS CEREMONY

The contest will officially end after Coronation at the Queen's Breakfast on Wednesday morning. Immediately after the coronation contestants will receive their prizes during an awards presentation. Sponsor pictures will be taken at that time. Following the coronation the newly crowned MTRN will review and sign the MTRN Contract with the MRA National Director-NE, MTRN Assistant Director, and the MRNA President. Following the photo shoot she will meet her parents back at the college student housing. The newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska

## MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

CONTESTANT'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTEL: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM #: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(This is the location where the parent or guardian is staying in North Platte during the Pageant)

Please indicate another person to contact if an accident occurs and we are unable to reach you:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child presently on any medication: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list medication(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

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## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I hereby enter the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska, and I hereby submit the entry fee of \$100.00 and hereby agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to this event.
2. I understand there are certain risks involved in competing in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant and in participating in the pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo, and hereby assume all risk of injury to myself or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> 2011, in North Platte, Nebraska.
  - A. In consideration of acceptance of my application to compete in the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, I myself and my heirs, legatees, personal representatives and assigns, do hereby release the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, NEBRASKAland Days and the Buffalo Bill Rodeo, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association and their respective officers, directors, members and employees of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort for injury sustained to my person or damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in any part of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant or pageant events at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF LIABILITY

3. I represent and certify that I have permission and consent of my parents and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities.
4. I certify that my attendance and participation in the stated activities is voluntary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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will be announced at the Wednesday night performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo. Following her queen's run she will be released to go home. She will assume her new duties immediately following the NEBRASKAland Days/Buffalo Bill Rodeo.

## PARENTS AND RELATIVES

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association Pageant Committee welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, relatives, and friends of the Contestants. A parent or guardian is required to attend orientation with Contestant. No one will be permitted to fraternize with the Contestants or Judges nor will they be allowed to distract Contestants after the Pageant begins. Contestants cannot communicate with family or friends unless authorized by their chaperones or the Committee.

## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Grievance Committee during the MRN pageant will be comprised of three members; Chairman of the MRN Pageant Committee, MRA National Director-NE, and one Miss Rodeo Nebraska contestant parent, who will be selected at orientation. These committee members will be available at all times. The Pageant Chairman will be the point of contact and spokesperson for the committee. **Chairman will attend all functions of the pageant.**

Any grievance must be filed by a **contestant** to be a valid grievance. **No** grievance from parents, guardians, trainers, family, etc. will be acknowledged. The grievance must be handwritten, signed, and delivered to the grievance committee chairperson and must be filed within 3 hours of the event being protested. A grievance must address a single event.

When the grievance committee chairperson receives the grievance, a meeting will be called in order for the grievance committee to review the grievance. Once the grievance is reviewed, the committee will make a decision whether to act upon, reject, or disregard the grievance.

1. Grievance committee and complaining contestant will not discuss grievance with anyone. (NOT parents, other contestants, or judges)
2. Grievance committee must make a decision based on facts. They must be certain, without a doubt, that the misconduct or misrepresentation by the accused was intentional or that there was an infraction of a rule. If the committee feels it needs to be acted upon, they will take the complaint to the President of MRN Association and the Head judge of the MRN Pageant.
3. The grievance committee will interview the accused
4. The grievance committee must come to a majority decision
5. The Pageant will continue as scheduled until decisions have been made
6. **No grievances may be solely based on scoring by judges**

Grievances from third parties **will not be accepted.**

## TRANSPORTATION

The Committee will provide all transportation needed for Contestant functions. No responsibility will be assumed for transportation of parents. The Pageant Committee expects full cooperation from parents, friends, and relatives. It is vital that the scheduled times be met. Tickets to the various events will be furnished for the Contestants.

## HORSES

Contestant's horses must be cared for by someone else as the girls will not be given time to feed, exercise, or attend to the general care of their horses during the course of the contest. Horses are required to be at the Wild West Arena prior to the Sunday afternoon competition.

The newly crowned Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will make a queen's run at the Wednesday evening performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo. Following the queen's run she will be asked to remove her crown and banner and will not represent her new title until following the last performance of the 2010 Buffalo Bill Rodeo.

## WRITTEN TEST

Contestants will be required to take a written test, which will consist of questions relating to the sport of rodeo, equine knowledge, current events etc. Tests will be scored with the highest score winning a special award. These scores will count in the total score; tests will be presented to the judges for their reference.

## MISS CONGENIALITY

The Contestants themselves vote for Miss Congeniality during the last day of the Pageant.

## AWARDS

The highest score achieved in each category will receive an award in addition to the Photogenic, Written Test, and Congeniality divisions. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska will receive a buckle, saddle, banner, and pin. (The crown is passed down each year).

All contestants receive souvenirs and various gifts representative of the contest.

### Crown Insurance Requirement

It is the responsibility of the reining queen to provide Insurance for her crown which can be with her families Home Owner Insurance. A copy of the estimated value of the crown will be included in the contract. A copy of the Insurance must be provided to the MRNA with trust to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association within 30 days of the crowning. Any insurance claims concerning the crown should be paid to MRNA.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Mid-Plains Community College awards a one year scholarship to Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. Please contact the Pageant Chairperson regarding information for this scholarship.

## WAIVER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made between the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, City of North Platte, State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Pageant", and \_\_\_\_\_, City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Contestant".

W I T N E S E T H:

WHEREAS, Pageant conducts the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant (hereinafter referred to as "Contest"), including the creation, publication and administration of all rules and regulations relating thereto, and

WHEREAS, Contestant desires to compete in the Contest, NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the mutual benefits derived here from and other good and valuable consideration provided each unto the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by delivery hereof, it is agreed:

1. Contestant represents she (a) has read all Contest rules and regulations; (b) has received a complete copy of all Contest rules and regulations; (c) has otherwise been fully advised as to any and all written and/or verbal amendments, if any, to Contest rules and/or regulations; (d) understands each and every rule and or regulation, and (e) had full opportunity to present all questions regarding the rules and regulations, and all such questions have been fully answered.
2. Contestant will adhere to and comply with all Contest rules and regulations.
3. Contestant shall upon observing and/or being informed of any violation of, and/or perceived violation of, any Contest rule and/or regulation:
  - a. Inform Pageant of the alleged and/or perceived violation, at the earliest and most proximate time to the instance, but in no event, not to be less than five hours of the scheduled naming of the contest winner(s) and
  - b. In no way act to withhold information from Pageant and/or from other third party contestant(s), as to deprive Pageant of the opportunity to determine alleged violations.In this regard, Lynne Jeffers, National Director, one (1) parent from the field of contestants and Cindy Peterson, Chairman of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee are hereby designated as the persons to receive any and all alleged and/or perceived rule violation(s).
4. Unless timely reported as defined above in paragraph 3 (a) each and every alleged violation of, and/or perceived violation of, Contest rules and/or regulations shall be deemed waived, and the complaining party shall be stopped from presenting allegations regarding the same.
5. Pageant agrees that with respect to reported violation(s), it shall (a) timely and fully investigate each allegation, (b) report its findings to the person presenting the allegation and (c) enforce its rules and regulations as against any contestant found to have violated the same.
6. Contestant agrees that Pageant is the sole and exclusive entity to determine the existence and/or non-existence of a violation of the rules and regulations, and that Contestant shall be finally bound by Pageant's determination, the same to be final and binding between the parties hereto. Contestant further agrees that Pageant is the sole and exclusive authority to interpret and enforce its rules and regulations.
7. In any legal proceeding in which Pageant shall be awarded any judgment enforcing any term and/or condition of this Agreement, Pageant, its employees, agents, sponsors, and/or representatives shall also receive a reasonable attorney fees and all costs incurred in the prosecution and/or defense of said action.

Made and executed on this the 12th day of June, 2011.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynne Jeffers, MRA Natl. Director - NE

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant

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**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – PART 2**  
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I hereby state that I have read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations Book of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association and the requirements of Contestant Eligibility stated above.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT

I do hereby state that I have read and understand the Official Rules and Regulations Book of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Committee/Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association and the requirements of Contestant Eligibility stated above.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT OR GUARDIAN

**MTRN PAGEANT JUDGING GUIDELINES**

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is judged in three categories, all of which are equal: horsemanship, personality, and appearance. In addition, the scores from a contestant's speech, photogenic, interview(s), extemporaneous questions(s), style show presentations, written test, etc. will be added.

**A. JUDGES**

- a. Three judges will judge all categories of the Pageant. All scores will be totaled for each contestant at the time they are judged.
- b. Judges are selected for their expertise in all fields of the competition. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, they should be knowledgeable about the sport of professional rodeo, and they should be experienced western-type horsemen and horsewomen who are accustomed to judging these events.
- c. All decisions of the judges are final.**
- d. MRNA Pageant Committee will institute appropriate standards for judges to ensure that all judges are impartial and have an appropriate level of experience in the field. MRNA Pageant Committee will have the final decision as to the selection of judges for the MTRN Pageant.
- e. In the event of any dispute concerning the decision of the judges, such dispute shall be settled by the National Director, Pageant Chairman, and MRNA President. The National Director, Pageant Chairman, and President's review of any dispute shall be limited to determining if the judges acted in good faith, impartially, and in accordance with the applicable rules. If any judge is found to have acted in violation of these rules, the National Director and President, in their discretion, may remove such judge and may take any other remedial action they deem appropriate. **All decisions of the National Director and President are final.**
- f. Ties for category winners, i.e., Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship, and Speech, will be broken by referring back to Judge #1. Judge #1's score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, Judge #2's score will be used.
- g. Judges will be asked to spend as much time with each contestant as possible without showing favoritism. This will include informal talks with them during meals and various events.
- h. Following the coronation, all official judges score sheets will be sent to the MRN National Director.

**B. JUDGED EVENTS**

- 1. Horsemanship. The purpose of this division is to select the lady who rates highest in:
  - a. Horsemanship – to include control of mount and the way any situation, which may occur, is handled
  - b. Balance - ability to sit a saddle, position of hands, feet, and seat.
  - c. Mounting and dismounting - judges may observe care of horse and saddling procedures. Questions may be asked.
  - d. The understanding and skill of the Contestant will be judged and not the horse nor the equipment. Contestant may be interviewed on many categories. Some suggested areas: knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc: knowledge of Pro-Rodeo - its history, terminology, organization, Championship Standings, standard events, and what's current in the Pro-Rodeo world. Three excellent sources of information are the Pro-Rodeo Sports News, the Official PRCA Rule Book, the PRCA Web Site, and the Official Pro-Rodeo Media Guide all of which are available from the PRCA Office, 101 Pro-Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80919.
  - e. Each Contestant is required to ride her horse in one horsemanship pattern during the competition. The judges will draw for the order in which each contestant will compete. This horsemanship pattern will also be scored considering the Contestant's appearance and the personality she projects during her actual horsemanship performance.



- Attend appearances as approved by the National Director and Assistant Director

January/February/March, 2012

- Attend 2012 MRN'S Coronation – Queen's hometown—**MANDATORY\***
- Write letter for MRNA Newsletter and send to Newsletter Chairperson along with two or three photos.
- Attend MRNA Queen Clinic & Lil' Cowgirl Clinic North Platte—**MANDATORY\***
- Attend appearances as approved by the National Director and Assistant Director

April/May, 2012

- Attend appearances as approved by the National Director and Assistant Director

June, 2012

- Attend 2012 MTRN Pageant – North Platte
- Give farewell speech at Queen's Breakfast
- Attend NEBRASKAland Days events
- Final appearance as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2010 - NEBRASKAland Days parade-

**MANDATORY**

**\*The MRN Association feels it is very important for the MTRN to attend these events...however, we do understand that from time to time there may be scheduling conflicts. Please discuss any conflicts with the teen asst. director. "**

NOTE: Please discuss any schedule conflicts with MTRN Assistant Director or MRN National Director.

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is Nebraska's official teenage representative of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. and should constantly be aware of the value of public relations between the general public and those actively involved in rodeo as well as her responsibility to uphold her title. She should be challenged to use her imagination and efforts to improve the image of rodeo to all with whom she comes in contact. The experience gained will enrich her life in countless ways.

"We on the committee are pleased that you may become a part of the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Our goal is for the competition to be a small part of your lifetime goals and that you feel growth as well as progress in your personal and business life as a result of your involvement."

**"God Bless and Good Luck"!!**

- j. Judges will have a resume containing a brief list of hobbies and other activities of each Contestant. The judges may ask you questions pertaining to your resume.

Personality scores will be accumulated not only from your Personality Interview, but throughout the other areas of competition such as, horsemanship, horsemanship interview, style show modeling, group interview, speech, and impromptu questions.

The winner of the Personality category will have the highest cumulative total of appearance scores received in all judged events.

**3. Appearance.** The purpose of this division is to select the girl who rates highest in:

- Attractiveness
- Grooming - to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair and clothing. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a lady to be considered for Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska
- Poise and Posture - Lady like behavior in EVERY situation.
- Knowledge of Proper Western Attire - Contestants should be aware of what is fashionable and appropriate in western dress, with particular attention given to color coordination. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination. They will be observing how a contestant's clothes fit and suit her personality, including the length of her trousers, shirts, and jackets, the crease and shape of her hat, no fashion boots (Roper style accepted on state level), no cleavage, no bralessness, long sleeves preferred. It is not necessary to invest in an excessive amount of expensive clothing. Contestants may be questioned on their familiarity of western wear. **Please note: Wrangler is the National sponsor of the Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship Contest.**

Appearance scores will be accumulated throughout all areas of competition to include horsemanship, all interviews, style show modeling, and speech.

The winner of the Appearance category will have the highest cumulative total of appearance scores received in all judged events.

- 4. Speech.** Each Contestant will give a two-minute speech about her home town or area. Teen speeches will be held during the Tuesday evening style show. Notes are discouraged and no props will be allowed. Contestants are judged on the content, correct grammar usage, delivery, introduction, body, conclusion, quality of voice and listening ability, judges may deduct points for going over or under time limit. The speech score will be added in the total points for the contest. The winner of speech will be announced at coronation on Wednesday.
- 5. Interviews.** Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges. Questions asked will test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, rodeo, horsemanship, and current affairs. Each contestant may be interviewed on each of the following categories; knowledge of tack, horse care, feeding, diseases, anatomy, etc; knowledge of rodeo, its history, organization, rodeo terminology or vernacular, explanation of standard events. During the individual interviews, the questions given by the judges should be serious and thought provoking. Questions should be in depth, so that the judges may determine the character and knowledge of each Contestant. Interview length should be sufficient for Contestant and judges to communicate. Questions will pertain to horsemanship, appearance, and personality and will be scored in all three divisions. I
- 6. Extemporaneous Questions.** Extemporaneous questions will be asked of each contestant during pageant functions. These scores will become part of the overall personality score. Questions may relate to the sport of professional rodeo, current events, and/or a personality type question.
- 7. Photogenic.** Colored photos, taken at the start of the MTRN Pageant by the official Pageant photographer, will be judged for this category. A girl's strength of character and personality are reflected strongly in a wholesome appearance. The highest scoring contestant will receive a Photogenic Award. These points will count in the total score.
- 8.**

## AUDITORS

At the end of each round, each judge will place their scorecard in a manila envelope, seal the envelope, and sign his name across the flap. They will then turn in the envelope to the pageant chairman. The chairman will deliver the sealed envelopes to an auditor chosen from a local accounting firm. The Official accounting firm will compile the scores in private.

When the judging has been completed, the auditor will determine which contestant has scored the highest in each division. The highest grand total score will be Miss Rodeo Nebraska. Second highest total will be First Runner-up. The original judge's score sheets, plus a notarized tally sheet will be officially filed with the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Chairman. Score sheets with judges comments only (no points) will be sent to individual contestants upon contestant's request following pageant.

## DRESS CODE FOR 2011 MTRN PAGEANT

**Orientation: Arena Outfit**

**Horsemanship: Arena Outfit**

**Lake Party: Casual/swimwear**

**Personality Interviews & Photogenic: Dress/Skirt and Jacket**

**Queens Luncheon: Dress/Skirt and Jacket (same as Personality Interview)**

**Frontier Revue Jean Outfit**

**Horsemanship Interview: Jean Outfit**

**Style Show: Dress/Skirt and Jacket**

**Sponsor Visits: Jean Outfit**

**Breakfast Coronation – Dress/Skirt and Jacket**

## GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS OF MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA

As the newly crowned MTRN you will assume official duties immediately following the conclusion of the current Buffalo Bill Rodeo. All appearances must be approved by the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Assistant Director and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in forfeiting the title. It is your responsibility to send than you notes to all sponsors and anyone who helps, hosts, escorts, or helps you in any way. Thank yous are so very important so please make sure these are done in a timely manner. Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska shall act appropriately and respectfully of her title.

### Things to be done immediately after the crowning:

- Prepare a short and long bio for publicity releases
- Photo shoots with Jerry Hoff for official photos and autograph sheets
- Your official responsibilities will begin immediately after the completion of the current year's NEBRASKALand Days/Buffalo Bill Rodeo.
- All of your activities will need to be authorized by Linda Evans, MTRN Assistant Director and Lynne Jeffers, National Director. It is very important that you communicate with the MTRN Assistant Director on a regular basis.

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association is your main support group. They will help you in any way possible.

Net income generated by fundraisers produced by you as MTRN, to be approved by the MRN Association Executive Committee, will be distributed in accordance with the Fundraising and Support Contract signed at the time of the MTRN contract signing.

All accounting for your personal fundraisers is to be handled by you: collecting income, paying expenses, etc. A personal check totaling the net income from each fundraiser is to be given to the MRNA Treasurer along with a detailed accounting of all income and expenses.

**All monies raised from a simple donation of \$10 to fundraisers must go through the Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Inc. Association Treasurer.** You will turn in original receipts for approval by the National Director; she will refund your money, subject to approval of expenses. All expenses must be submitted within six weeks of the end of your reign. Any money remaining in your accounting after this time will be considered a donation to the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. It is your responsibility to send thank you notes to all Sponsors, anyone who helps, hosts, escorts, or assists you in any way. **Thank yous are so very important so please make sure these are done in a timely manner.**

**Be sure and read the contract very carefully so that you fully understand it. Make sure you can live up to the obligations before you sign it.**

Following is a sample of this year's MTRN schedule. Each queen seems to add to this and the girls get busier every year.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIRED APPEARANCES

Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska is required to attend five NSRA or MSRA rodeos in Nebraska, in addition to the NSRA finals, two parades of choice plus NEBRASKALand Days parade. She must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or Association member at all appearances. All appearances must be approved by the MTRN Assistant Director.

## MISS TEEN RODEO NEBRASKA TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### June 15, 2011

- Have lunch with the 2012 MRN Pageant Contestants
- Following lunch sign contract with Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska Assistant Director, Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director, The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association President and at least one parent.
- Following coronation, photo shoots with Jerry Hoff – these photos will be used for publicity and your 5 ½" x 8 ½" autograph sheets.
- Ride in the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Grand Entry – you will also be asked to do a queen's run

### June/July, 2011

- Write letter for MRNA newsletter and send to Newsletter Chairperson along with two or three photos. (MTRN competition/coronation)
- Complete thank you notes to all pageant sponsors
- Contact MTRN Assistant Director on a regular basis
- Attend appearances as approved by the National Director and Assistant Director

### August/September, 2011

- Attend NSRA Finals – North Platte, NE--**MANDATORY**
- Attend appearances as approved by the National Director and Assistant Director

### October/November/December, 2011

- Attend 2011 Miss Rodeo Nebraska's Send Off Style Show—**MANDATORY\***
- Write letter for MRNA Newsletter and send to Newsletter Chairperson along with two or three photos.