**2025 Queen Tryouts**

The Sisters Rodeo Queen tryouts will be held at the Sisters Rodeo arena **Sunday, September 8th, 2024**, at 1:00 p.m. for the general public. Please arrive by 10am, interviews will begin at 11am or sooner if all applicants have arrived. There will be three judges. The public is invited to attend at 1pm and refreshments will be served.

The tryouts are open to young women who are between the ages of 18 through 25 as of June 1st the year they are trying out. Each contestant must be an Oregon resident. Entrants will be judged on horsemanship, speech, personality/interviews and appearance.

The young woman chosen as Queen will receive a buckle, wardrobe, travel expenses and will be awarded the Sally Leavitt Queen Scholarship of $2500 for her continued education. She will represent the Sisters Rodeo Association at rodeos throughout the state and will be hostess to other courts during our **85th Annual Sisters Rodeo**.

Contact Amorita Anstett at 541 604 0994, aanstett@sistersrodeo.com or Aly Fazz at 503 730 9026, afazz@sistersrodeo.com if you have any questions or concerns.

**All applications must be turned in by Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 by 5pm or as soon as possible.**

**You can email all information to:** aanstett@sistersrodeo.com

(Online application is located at: <https://sistersrodeo.com/queen-tryouts/>)

**SISTERS RODEO QUEEN APPLICATION**

Date:

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Social Media links/accounts:

Phone #:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Emergency contact name, relationship and phone number:

What school are you attending or did you last attend?

Current or last grade attended:

School history and activities:

Horsemanship qualifications and experience:

Horse's breed, color and name:

**Applicant's Signature (electronic signature accepted)**

**Items to turn in:**

* **Completed application-must be signed**
* **A recent photo of yourself**
* **Copy of current health insurance card**

**Email to:** **aanstett@sistersrodeo.com**

**RULES FOR SRA QUEEN TRYOUTS**

**PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Must have adequate time to devote to this position for the coming year.

2. Applicant must be single, have not been married and must not have children.

3. Applicant must be, as of June 1st at the time of tryouts, 18 to 25 years of age.

4. Applicant must be an Oregon resident.

5. We encourage parents to take an active role and support their daughter during the tryouts and in the coming year.

**HORSEMANSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicant must be a qualified rider and be willing to demonstrate that ability to the Sisters Rodeo Queen selection committee at the Queen tryouts.

2. Applicant must supply her own horse and equipment for tryouts and use the same horse for all the appearances during the year unless the horse is ill or injured. You must let Amorita Anstett (Queen Director) know at least 48 hours before the tryouts if there are changes in the horse you list on your application.

3. Horse should load easily in two-horse or stock trailer for travel to appearances.

4. The horsemanship portion of the competition will consist of a designated pattern and flag run. (See attached copy).

5. Caution is emphasized during the tryouts. The horse must be kept under control at all times. A slower, steady pace is preferred over a faster pace which might cause an accident.

**JUDGING REQUIREMENTS**

1. The applicant is not required to wear a full dress suit for the tryouts since the Committee will be outfitting the Queen after she is chosen. Any neat, clean coordinated outfit will be acceptable whether it be dress pants, new jeans, a long sleeved shirt, boots and a hat.

2. Each applicant will be required to give an autobiographical speech before the Selection Committee and audience, as well as answer questions from the Committee prior to the horsemanship competition.

**Example of speech** - Please tell us about yourself and your experience with the Sisters Rodeo in approx. **two and one half minutes.**

3. The Judging will be done by a Selected Committee. Guidelines are: 25 points for personality/interview/appearance, 25 points for speech, and 50 points for horsemanship.

4. Application closing deadline will be **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 by 5pm**. Tryouts will be held **Sunday, September 8th, 2024** at 1pm for the general public at the Sisters Rodeo Clubhouse and arena. Applicants must arrive by 10am.

5. One (1) girl will be selected to reign during the coming year. Her title will be the Sisters PRCA Rodeo Queen for **2025**.

6. The selected girl can be removed from the Queen position for any conduct or action not deemed suitable of a representative by the Sisters Rodeo Association Board and will be replaced with the 1st Runner up.

**QUEEN RULES**

1. The selected young lady is responsible for her own transportation and that of her horse to a designated meeting place prior to all appearances unless stated by a member of the Queen Committee.

2. There will be no drinking, smoking or chewing of tobacco or foul language used by a representative at any time while they are representing the Sisters Rodeo.

3. The rules and decisions of the Queen Director and Advisor will be followed by the selected Queen. If a girl does not cooperate, the Director and/or Advisor may recommend to the Board of Directors that the girl be removed from the position of Queen.

**SISTERS RODEO QUEEN DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS**

The Queen will be attending the following Rodeos: (There may be others decided upon at a later date.)

High Desert Stampede

Spray

Sisters Rodeo

Crooked River Round Up

St. Paul Rodeo & Parade

Redmond (Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo)

Canby

Pendleton Round Up

Columbia River Circuit Finals

A wardrobe will be provided shortly after selection. The Queen and the Sisters Rodeo Queen Advisor will make the decisions on all articles purchased.

The Queen will be paid $ .65 cents per mile and a reasonable motel charge and food expense. *(If you have questions or concerns on what is reasonable charges, please reach out to the Queen Director)*

The Queen will represent the Sisters Rodeo Association throughout the state for the **2025** rodeo season. The Queen will receive a wardrobe, a beautiful silver buckle and traveling expenses. Will also be awarded a $2,500 Sally Leavitt Queen’s Scholarship for continuing her educational goals.

The Queen will be given a ticket and three additional tickets for Box Seats to each performance to the Sisters Rodeo and the Xtreme Bulls performance. Additional tickets will need to be purchased by either the Queen or her family.

**QUEEN CONTESTANT WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read the attached rules and regulations of the Sisters Rodeo Queen tryouts and wish to participate in these described activities in accordance with the stated rules and regulations.

I/We hereby consent and agree that I make this entry and any appearances representing the Sisters Rodeo Association as Queen/contestant at my own risk. I further agree the Sisters Rodeo Association will not be held responsible for any loss of items, any damage and or injury, occurs from any cause to me, my horse, or my equipment, sustained or suffered while participating at the tryouts, neither I nor any member of my family will make a claim thereof. I further agree to indemnify the Sisters Rodeo grounds and the Sisters Rodeo Association against any legal proceedings for personal injury or property damage arising from any accident or incident which might occur.

**Signature:**

**Parent or legal guardian release form for contestants under 18 years of age:**

I have read the above release form and the attached rules and regulations of the Sisters Rodeo Queen tryouts and give my daughter permission to compete and participate. I do agree to comply with them as stated.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

All contestants will be required to show proof of medical insurance.

Please attach a copy of the insurance card to this release form.

**Insurance Carrier:**

**SISTERS RODEO QUEEN REQUIREMENTS**

It will be the responsibility of the presiding Queen to turn in travel expenses on a monthly basis in order to be reimbursed by the Sisters Rodeo Association.

Only Amorita Anstett (Queen Director) can approve any wearing of apparel, accessories, signs, photos, and stationary or other expenses.

The Sisters Rodeo Queen may be asked to carry sponsor flags, push cattle or pack the American flag. She may be asked to attend luncheons and do interviews. She must be flexible on short notice appearances, especially the week of our rodeo, starting that Tuesday.

The Sisters Rodeo Queen must be self-insured at all times during her reign as Queen. She will be given a list of rodeos we would like her to attend by riding in the grand entry and/or parades to represent the Sisters Rodeo.

If the Queen travels to events that are not on the approved list, **she must get prior approval from Amorita Anstett (Queen Director). Any travel to events that have NOT been approved will be at the Queen’s own expense.**

**Signature**:

**Date**:

**HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN**

**Please no snaffle bits, must ride one handed**

(Start in front of the bucking chutes-in the middle of the arena)

1. Run past center of arena and do a sliding stop.

2. Back up to center of arena.

3. Beginning on left lead, complete 2 circles to the left, the first one large and fast, then a slow smaller circle.

4. Continue back to center of arena, change to right lead making a large, fast circle, then a slow, smaller circle.

5. At center come to a stop and hesitate.

6. Go straight ahead to the stands and start a run, around the arena to the left, past the chutes and continue completely around the arena, back past the chutes and stop at the gate (As you would for an introduction run in at a faster pace.)

7. Exit arena.

8. Pick up a flag from the rodeo personnel - do a flag presentation, as you would when doing the National Anthem and presenting the American flag.

9. Exit arena

9. Once the last contestant has completed their pattern all of the contestants will do a Flag run together (As you would when doing a Sponsorship flag run for a rodeo)

10. Once the last contestant has exit the arena you will hand your flag to the arena personnel and will then re-entry the arena to do a final Queen’s run with all of the contestants.