

**MISS RODEO NEBRASKA
PAGEANT
2012**

*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 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 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 RODEO NEBRASKA

Miss Rodeo Nebraska is a young lady who strives to promote the State of Nebraska and the Sport of Professional Rodeo, and in so doing, promote the great western way of life. Miss 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 RODEO NEBRASKA
SUMMARY OF SCORING CRITERIA**

JUDGED EVENT	PERSONALITY	APPEARANCE	HORSE-MANSHIP	KNOW-LEDGE	TOTAL POINT
TEST				50	50
HORSEMANSHIP - 1 ST GO	25	50	175	0	250
HORSEMANSHIP - 2 ND GO	25	0	175	25	225
PERSONALITY INTERVIEW	60	60	0	50	170
PHOTOGENIC	25	25	0	0	50
RADIO-LUNCHEON TV INTERVIEW	75	60	0	0	135
HORSEMANSHIP INTERVIEW	60	60	0	50 Rodeo Questions	170
STYLE SHOW MODELING QUESTIONS	25	40	0	Modeling 40 Questions 30	135
GROUP INTERVIEW	25	25	0	25	75
** SPEECH	30	30	0	80	140
TOTAL	350	350	350	350	1400
** SPEECH	THESIS 10	ORGANIZATION 10	STYLE & SUPPORT 30	DELIVERY 30	80

**MISS RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS &
MISS RODEO AMERICA HONORS**

- 1955- Dallas (Hunt) George, Payson, AZ
1956 MID-WEST REG. MRA @ AK-SAR-BEN
1957 MISS RODEO AMERICA
- 1957 Laura (Cameron) Klug, Maxwell, NE
MID-WEST REG. MRA @ AK-SAR-BEN
1958 MRA 2ND RUNNER-UP
- 1958 Julie (Bowers) Wiltse, Cincinnati, OH
1959 Beverly (Kicken) Jensen (deceased),
MRA HORSEMANSHIP
- 1960 Christine (Imm) McGinley, Chandler, AZ (deceased)
1961 Kathie O'Brien, Denton, NE
MRA 1ST RUNNER-UP, HORSEMANSHIP
- 1962 Marilee (Helms) Jirkovsky, Juanita, NE
MRA 2ND RUNNER-UP
- 1963 Mary Lou (Farmer) Bird, Cozad, NE
1964 Sharon Kay (Larson) Rosander, Wolbach, NE
1965 Patricia (Hamburger) Larson, Scottsbluff, NE
1966 Nancy Ann (Simmons) Brannon, Waco, TX
1967 MISS RODEO AMERICA,
PERSONALITY, APPEARANCE,
- 1967 Jean (Mohr) Estill, Amelia, NE
1968 Ann (Wendell) Mills, Culver City, CA.
MRA HORSEMANSHIP
- 1969 Rhonda (Christensen) Richardson, Fullerton, NE
1970 Kay Wilson, Mesa, AZ
1971 Maurine Manning, Pine Ridge SD
1972 Chris (Ferguson) Peterson, Grand Island, NE
1973 Teri (Holscher) Harris, Fort Morgan, CO.
MRA 1ST RUNNER-UP
- 1974 Ruth (Krajewski) Saltz, Benkleman, NE
1975 Melanie (Kaliff) Bachman, Grand Island, NE
1976 Susan (Hagadone) Zulkoski, Ord, NE
1977 Vicki (Kennedy) Weseman, Hastings, NE
MRA TOP 10 FINALIST
- 1978 Jeanne (Kral) Jeffrey, Lexington, NE
1979 Tana (Svoboda) Brinkman, Erickson, NE
1980 Shelli (Bokoskie) Wingett, Papillion, NE
1981 Ginger (tenBensel) Wilsonville NE
1982 Robin (Sellman) Meeks, Taylor, NE
1983 Chris (Wallace) Stage, Tempe, AZ
GOVERNOR'S SPEECH
- 1984 Johna (Klug) Niedfelt, Doniphan NE
MRA HORSEMANSHIP
TOP 10 FINALIST
- 1985 Lisa (Reiter) Petska, Gainsville, TX
1986 Hanna (Doyle) Warren, Tryon NE

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA WINNERS & MISS RODEO AMERICA HONORS

1987	Jana (Powles) Jensen, Bingham, NE MRA 2 ND RUNNER-UP MRA APPEARANCE & PERSONALITY
1988	Jodee (Coffman) Burnham, Burwell, NE
1989	Christi (Copsey) Buckles, Stapleton, NE
1990	Lisa (Poese) Jamison, Ashby, NE 1991 MISS RODEO AMERICA, PERSONALITY, HORSEMANSHIP
1991	Holly (Hornung) Remund, Huron, SD MRA CONGENALITY
1992	Laurie Baker, Buhl, ID
1993	Kelley (Jensen) Ostrom, Garden City, KS
1994	Suzette (Gaudreault) Sitorius, Gothenberg, NE
1995	Renee Ferguson, Broken Bow, NE MRA TOP 10 FINALIST
1996	Angie (Jones) Gardner, Nora, NE MRA TOP 10 FINALIST
1997	Stacy (Watkins) Bash, Springfield, MO
1998	Alison (Meyer) Osborne, Hastings, NE MRA TOP 10 FINALIST
1999	Halie (Forre) Whitaker, Chambers, NE
2000	Kamera (Ferrell) Coles, Denver, CO MRA TOP 5 FINALIST
2001	Lindy (Nicholson) Kaufholtz, Tulsa, OK
2002	Lori Bortner, North Platte, NE 2003 MISS RODEO AMERICA PERSONALITY WINNER
2003	Lynn Welker, Kilgore, NE
2004	Lindy (Quaney) Hiatt, North Platte, NE MRA CENTRAL REGION SCHOLARSHIP
2005	Alesa (Chrisman) Jones, North Platte, NE
2006	Ashley(Rice) Gerlach, Clay Center, NE
2007	Erin Robbins, Burwell, NE
2008	Kristen Schott, Battle Creek, NE MRA TOP 10 FINALIST
2009	Amy Amack, Chadron, NE RANDOM SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
2010	Michelle Boeshart, Maxwell, NE MRA 3 rd RUNNER UP WPRCA CHAP AWARD WINNER
2011	Becky Grimm, Harrison, NE

HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN #2

Pattern (#2) for the second go-round of Horsemanship will be an open free-style riding competition. The Contestant will ride the draw horse from one of her fellow Contestant's. Contestant will have one (1) minute, thirty (30) seconds to present horsemanship skills and abilities in any pattern, design or routine they desire. A whistle will be blown at one (1) minute as a warning that they have thirty (30) seconds to finish their routine and do their presentation ride.

Each contestant must include, at least, these skills in her routine.

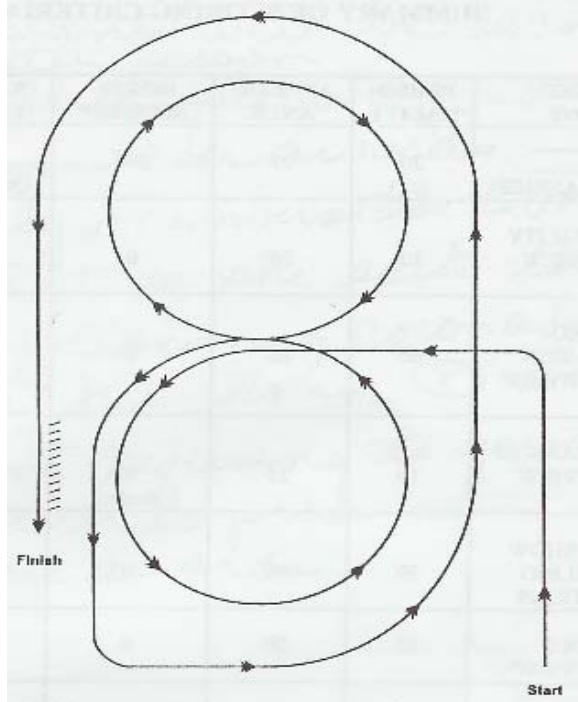
- Slide stop anywhere in routine
- Lead change anywhere in routine
- Back anywhere in routine
- Presentation ride (Queen's Salute at end of routine)

Following presentation ride the Contestant will present herself to the judges, dismount, and receive questions from the judges.

Horsemanship and personality will be judged in the free style, no props or horse stunts allowed; judging will be based on artistic/show ability, difficulty level of routine and associated skill accomplishment and general overall style, skill, and adherence to time limit.

HORSEMANSHIP PATTERN #1

(CONTESTANT WILL USE HER OWN HORSE)



Horsemanship Pattern:

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. Go to gate, pick up flag, do a flag run, and then exit the arena.

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

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 MRNA 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.

**MISS RODEO NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION
Eligibility Requirements**

EXPECTATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONTESTANTS/MRN

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 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 Rodeo Nebraska as well as the reigning Miss 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 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 feel 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 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 is determined that a potential contestant or MRN queen has violated this code of conduct.

1. **Age:** I am over 19 years of age, I am not 26 years of age or older and will not have attained age 26 as of December 31, 2012, the year that I will compete at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. Upon request, I will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, drivers license, passport, etc.) verifying my age.
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 and have been a resident for at least one year prior to the entry closing date of the MRN 2012 Pageant.
4. **Education:** I have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent)
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, nor terminated a pregnancy.
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 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. **Pageant Experience:** I have not previously held the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska nor held the title of “Miss Rodeo” in any other state, nor previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. I am not currently a state titleholder of any other national pageant (ie High School Rodeo Queen, Miss Nebraska, Miss Rodeo USA, etc.).
13. **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 Rodeo Nebraska, if selected.
14. **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).
15. **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 Rodeo Nebraska, if selected.
16. **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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Exhibit A
2012 Miss Rodeo Nebraska Contract
Awards/Gifts/Scholarships

Awards

MRN Saddle
MRN Buckle
MRN Lady-in-Waiting Crown

Gifts

Membership – AAA Travel Agency
Women’s Bible – Bible Supply, Inc.
Winter Coat – Corral West Ranch Wear
MRN Banner Pin – Jeffers Sales
MRN Banners – Sally Haythorn-Mayden
“One of a Kind Design” Ring – Tallmon Jewelers
Figurine – The Shepherd’s
Horse Halter – Velvet Spurs Riding Club
Gift – Westfield Pharmacy

Scholarships

Dee Marquardt Memorial Scholarship
Melvin Hill Memorial Scholarship
MRNA Scholarship
NEBRASKAland Days Scholarship

All “category” Awards, Gifts, and Scholarships received in the course of this competition.

I, _____, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2012, hereby acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned awards, gifts, and scholarships. As outlined in the 2012 Miss Rodeo Nebraska Contract as well as the 2012 Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Rule Book, I understand that if for any reason the Miss Rodeo America National Director-NE and the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Executive Board deems it necessary to remove my title/crown, then all of the aforementioned awards, gifts, and scholarships will be returned to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association. If for any reason the item cannot be returned then the MRNA Association, Inc. shall be reimbursed financially in order that they may purchase like awards/gifts for the young lady chosen to fulfill the 2012 Miss Rodeo Nebraska title.

In addition, I understand that all money and in-kind donations received from the time I win the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2012 through the end of my year is for the sole purpose of promoting the title of MRN 2012 and preparing for my competition at the 2013 Miss Rodeo America Pageant. If for any reason my crown is removed or I relinquish my title, I will refund any money and/or in-kind donations so that this money will assist the young lady who will assume the role of Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2012.

Date

Miss Rodeo Nebraska - 2012

MRA National Director - NE

CONTESTANTS ELIGIBILITY

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

- A. Each Contestant must not be less than 19 or more than 26 years of age (verified with a copy of her Certificate of Birth) at the time in which they would compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
- 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. 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant. Legal residency shall be determined by a valid driver’s license issued in the State of Nebraska and/or a voter’s registration card. Proof of residency must be provided with the pageant entry
- D. Shall not have been a previous Miss Rodeo Nebraska, or held the title of “Miss Rodeo” in any other state, nor shall she have previously competed in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
- E. Contestant must have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent of high school education.
- F. Contestant certifies that she has never been married, pregnant, have 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.
- G. Contestant will have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions precedents to competition.
- H. 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.
- I. 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 MRN.
- L. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association’s Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and in the Board’s total discretion.
- M. Must not currently be a state titleholder of any other national pageant (ie High School Rodeo Queen, Miss Nebraska, Miss Rodeo USA, etc.). In addition, if contestant holds another rodeo queen title which has not expired prior to competing for Miss Rodeo Nebraska, she must forfeit that title and will not be allowed to wear any other crown/banner but that of MRN if chosen as such.
- N. Shall not have previously had her MRN pageant application denied, been disqualified or had the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska forfeited in the past.

LOSS OF TITLE AND BENEFITS

Subsequent to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, any person being awarded the title of Miss 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,
- 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 Rodeo Nebraska together with any provisions of Participation Agreement, the Contestant Agreement, Pageant Rules and Regulations, or Miss Rodeo Nebraska Contract.

If it has been determined by the MRNA Executive Board that MRN 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant or the Miss Rodeo America Pageant in the future. Also, MRN will forfeit her crown and all benefits, to include sponsorship money, scholarships, and gifts derived from winning the title of MRN.

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 \$200.
- 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. Proof of high school graduation or GED.
- 7. Birth certificate.

HOUSING

All Contestants will be lodged at the MRN Host Hotel (LaQuinta Inn), rooms and meals will be furnished as follows: Sunday – June 12th (dinner and room) Monday - June 13th (three meals and room), Tuesday - June 14th (three meals and room), Wednesday - June 15th (three meals). Contest will officially end after Coronation Wednesday evening, June 15th. Following Coronation, Pageant Committee members will escort Contestants to the WILD WEST PAVILION to receive their gift packets. Sponsor pictures will be taken at that time. Following awards presentation Contestants will be dismissed; the newly crowned MRN 2012 will be taken back to the LAQUINTA INN with her parents for the reading of the 2012 MRN contract. She will be furnished a room for the night. Thursday morning MRN 2012 will sign the MRN contract along with the Miss Rodeo Nebraska National Director and MRNA President. She will then be released to go home.

CELL PHONES

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

MISS 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held in North Platte, Nebraska, and I hereby submit the entry fee of \$200.00 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 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 Rodeo Nebraska Pageant to be held on June 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th 2011, in North Platte, Nebraska.
 - A. In consideration of acceptance of my application to compete in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, I myself and my heirs, legatees, personal representatives and assigns, do hereby release the Miss 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 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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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.

PARENTS AND RELATIVES

The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Assn 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 distract them 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 teen 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 and the Wild West Arena - Wednesday evening for the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Grand Entry and Coronation. **A family member is to meet contestant as she exits the arena following coronation to take her horse.**

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 Rodeo Nebraska receives an engraved trophy saddle, \$1000.00 + Scholarships from NEBRASKAland DAYS, INC. and the MRN Scholarship Fund, Buckle, Crown, Entry Fee to the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, money towards her travel expenses, the use of the official MRN hat can and many other items too numerous to mention.

First Runner-up will receive a scholarship and various gifts.

The Horsemanship winner will receive a scholarship and buckle.

Appearance, Speech, Personality, and Written test winners will also receive an award.

Other scholarship money will be awarded as funds allow.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships will be honored at the school of the winner's choice. They must be used no later than the calendar year following the competition; with MRN's deadline extended to the year following her reign as Miss Rodeo Nebraska. Should she go on to become Miss Rodeo America, the same would apply to the year following that reign.

Betty Priel (MRN Scholarship Chairman) or the NEBRASKAland DAYS, INC., office must receive a letter of notification from the schools Registrar's Office stating that the scholarship recipient has registered. A letter will accompany the scholarship certificate telling you where you must apply. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the school.

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".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Pageant conducts the Miss 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

www.missrodeonebraska.org

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – PART 2
MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT 2012**

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

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

- A. Each Contestant must not be less than 19 nor more than 26 years of age at the time in which they would compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, with a copy of their Certificate of Birth; shall waive liability and shall be a legal resident of the State of Nebraska, as evidenced by a validly issued drivers license, and/or voters registration card issued by the State.
- B. Contestant certifies that she has never been married, pregnant 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.
- C. Contestant hereby grants permission to the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Pageant Committee to verify any and all information contained on her application and attest that the information she has provided is true.
- D. A Contestant must agree to abide by Pageant Rules with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.
- E. 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.
- F. Should circumstances ever occur that a Contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner and/or way of life, she will be disqualified from competition, or her title taken away, whichever the case may be, and she will not be allowed to enter a Miss Rodeo Nebraska or Miss Rodeo America Pageant in the future. If the Contestant becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her crown and all benefits derived from the Pageant.
- G. 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 first runner-up, and she will forfeit all prizes and moneys won in the Pageant.
- H. Any decision by the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, Inc. Executive Board to prohibit an applicant from the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant competition is final and at the Board's complete discretion. **All applications must be approved. An acceptance or denial letter will be sent to all applicants by April 30th.**

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 _____

MRN PAGEANT JUDGING GUIDELINES

Miss 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 each 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 MRN 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 MRA 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.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – PART 1
MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT 2012**

Applications will be accepted by mailing your entry by April 1st, 2011 to
Karen Troyer, 10541 West Foothill Road, North Platte, NE 69101

- e. Each Contestant is required to ride a horse in two different go-rounds of competition. She will draw for the order in which she will compete, and also draw for her second round mount from among fellow contestants. She will ride her own horse in the 1st go-round and the draw horse in the 2nd round. Each division is scored considering the Contestant's appearance and the personality she projects during her actual horsemanship performance.
- f. The pattern for the first go-round of Horsemanship competition is the Pattern #1 found on the back pages of this book. In the first go-round the Contestant will ride her own horse and end the pattern with a flag presentation ride.

NOTE: Please bring a flag boot with you

- g. Pattern #2 for the second go-round of Horsemanship will be an open free-style riding competition. The Contestant will ride the draw horse from one of her fellow Contestants. Contestants will have one (1) minute thirty (30) seconds to present horsemanship skills and abilities in any pattern, design or routine they desire. A whistle will be blown at one (1) minute as a warning that they have thirty (30) seconds to finish their routine and do her presentation ride. Each Contestant must include at least these skills in the total routine.
 - Slide stop anywhere in routine
 - Lead change anywhere in routine
 - Back anywhere in routine
 - Presentation ride (Queen's Salute) at end of routine
 - At the end of presentation ride, the Contestant will present herself to the judges, dismount, and receive questions from the judges.
- h. Horsemanship and personality will be judged in the free style, no props or horse stunts allowed, judging will be based on artistic/show ability, level of difficulty of the routine and associated skill accomplishment, and general overall style, skill and adherence to time limit.
- i. Dress for the horsemanship contest will be western jeans - shirt, boots, belt and a western hat. Gloves are not required. Chaps are not permitted; spurs may be used at contestant's discretion. All attire should be neat and fit properly; sponsor consideration is appreciated. **Please note: Wrangler is the National sponsor of the Miss Rodeo America Horsemanship Contest.**
- j. Showmanship should be considered since your personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges. Rain gear may be appropriate.
- k. Equine boots are allowed.
- l. **Stallions are not allowed.**
- m. **Use of hackamores will not be allowed.**
- n. **No one, to include coaches, family, or friends of the contestants, will be allowed in the arena prior to the horsemanship competition. If it is discovered that someone associated with a contestant has been in the arena, that contestant will have 25 points deducted from her total horsemanship score.**
- o. **When saddling of contestants mount is completed, there is to be no contact allowed by coaches, friends, or family members. This will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance will result in a 25 point deduction from the contestant's overall horsemanship score.**

The winner of the Horsemanship category will have the highest cumulative total of horsemanship points received in the two horsemanship go-rounds.

Name of Applicant

_____ (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____
 _____ (Street) (City/State) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____ Years of residence in NE _____

E-mail Address _____

Birth _____
 _____ (Age) (Month) (Day) (Year) (Place of Birth)

Parent's Name _____

You must include with your entry form a \$200 Entry Fee, 5 color billfold size (head and shoulders pose – these will not be returned. The Pageant Committee reserves the right to use these pictures for publicity purposes)

Fill out enclosed Fact Sheet and return with your Entry and Contestant Eligibility Forms.

I hereby state that all the information above is true and correct.

 APPLICANT

I do hereby give consent and approval of my daughter entering this State Pageant under the rules and conditions set forth. We (I) agree to waive liability of the State Pageant in route to and from, during the contest, and the NEBRASKA and DAYS-BUFFALO BILL RODEO celebration.

 PARENT OR GUARDIAN

- Clothes for Las Vegas should all be ordered
- Speech should be pretty well constructed
- Omaha - Ak-Sar-Ben - River City Roundup - PRCA Rodeo - **Mandatory**
- "Polish" Clinic

October

- Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association - Annual Meeting – 2nd Sunday
- TV and Radio - Style Show

November

- Send-off Style Show
- Prairie Circuit Finals – Lazy E Arena – Oklahoma - **Mandatory**
- You are also welcome to have a style show in your hometown as a money maker for your Las Vegas trip

December

- **LEAVE FOR LAS VEGAS** - Miss Rodeo America Pageant-Usually 1st Week of Dec.

January

- CORONATION FOR MRN 2013 – THIS IS YOUR FINAL APPEARANCE AS MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2012 – THEREFORE YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DRESS AS A PROUD RODEO QUEEN

As Miss Rodeo Nebraska it is important that you dress appropriately, in **Western Attire, Hat and Crown**, and be perfectly groomed at all times while traveling to and from all public appearances as well as sponsorship visits.

As you travel it's important to work on your horsemanship skills, interview skills, and rodeo knowledge. Anytime you have the opportunity to have someone interview you, take advantage of it. We will try and set up several interview sessions for you. We have a lot of talented people in the MRN Association who are more than willing to help you.

The most important thing to remember about holding the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska is to enjoy yourself; the people you meet will be friends for life. This is an experience that only a few have the privilege of doing.

Wear your crown proudly!

YOU ARE MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2012

2. Personality. The purpose of this division is to select the lady who rates highest in:

- Intelligence - good common sense
- Education - conversational ability in rodeo and other areas with special emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- Attractiveness - not necessarily to mean beauty but rather whether the Contestant radiates self-confidence without making an issue of it. Shows maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
- Personality Reflections - to include the contestant's style of attire, overall appearance, magnetism, and eye appeal.
- Genuine interest in other people, in the Pageant, and in rodeo with a noticeable consideration of others.
- Self-Projection - ability to project one's personality, whether it is from horseback, in an arena, on television, or before an audience. Also to be considered are sense of humor, showmanship, ambition, desire, and enthusiasm.
- Happy outlook on life in general.
- Promptness in keeping Pageant schedule.
- Public appearances - Your opportunity to speak to an audience with facts and interesting information. Contestants will answer extemporaneous questions, which will require the Contestant to "think on her feet", and will show maturity, intelligence, wisdom, and imagination.
- 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, TV & radio interviews, 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 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 three-minute speech about The State of Nebraska or an aspect of the State of NE on Wednesday, June 16th at the Queen's Breakfast. 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 evening.

5. Interviews. Each contestant will be interviewed privately by the judges. Questions asked will test the contestant's knowledge of the pageant, professional 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 professional rodeo, its history, organization, rodeo terminology or vernacular, explanation of standard events, Awareness of PRCA championship standings, and goings on in the pro rodeo world. (Excellent sources of information are the ProRodeo Sports News, published twice monthly by the PRCA; the official PRCA Rule book, and the Official ProRodeo Media Guide, all of which are available from the PRCA, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

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. In addition, the Contestants will be interviewed as a group and judged during their TV and Radio interviews.

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 MRN 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.

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, who 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.

March

- Miss Rodeo Nebraska Queen Clinic - **Mandatory**
- National Dodge Circuit Finals - (6 Days - Tuesday Through Sunday)
- Grand Island PRCA Rodeo

April

- Buffalo Bill Rodeo Dance

May

- Radio and TV - For Promotion of NEBRASKAland Days and Queen Pageant
- Practice with Velvet Spurs – 2nd or 4th Thursday – Wild West Arena - 10 AM
- All Sponsorship for the year should be completed by May 15th so that it can be included in the Pageant program.
- Abbyville KS PRCA Rodeo
- Set Date for Send Off Style Show in November
- Prep Clinic

June

- Cattlemen's Ball
- Cherokee IA PRCA Rodeo
- Miss Nebraska Pageant Appearances
- NEBRASKAland DAYS – MRN Pageant - **Mandatory**
- Ponca PRCA Rodeo - **Mandatory**
- NEBRASKAland DAYS CONCERTS
- Nebraska High School Rodeo Finals - Hastings NE
- Greeley CO – PRCA Rodeo

July

- Crawford NE - PRCA Rodeo – Miss Old West Trails Pageant - **Mandatory**
- Calgary PRCA Rodeo – Canada
- McCook Rodeo
- Cheyenne Frontier Days
- Colorado Springs – Hall of Fame Inductions – PRCA Rodeo - **Mandatory**
- Burwell PRCA Rodeo – Miss Rodeo Burwell Pageant - **Mandatory**
- Wahoo PRCA Rodeo - **Mandatory**
- Hill City, KS - PRCA Rodeo
- Dodge City KS - PRCA Rodeo and MRK State Pageant

August

- Advertising Contract – MRA Pageant Book
- Kearney PRCA Rodeo - **Mandatory**
- NEBRASKAland Days - Thank You Picnic - North Platte - Interview Session
- Gordon Rodeo – Sheridan Co. Rodeo Queen Pageant
- Hastings PRCA Rodeo and Fair – Oregon Trail Rodeo Queen Pageant - **Mandatory**
- Parents should be able to order tickets and rooms - MRA Pageant
- Send in entry for MRA with Photogenic Picture – Certified Mail – Sept. 1
- Review clothing selections with National Director
- Start working on ideas for an auction item-Cowboy Christmas MRA Auction

September

- Denver Market with MRN 2013
- Miss Rodeo Ak-Sar-Ben Queen Pageant - **Mandatory**
- Interview - Sessions
- Should have Send-off Style Show tickets ready

DRESS CODE FOR 2012 MRN PAGEANT

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA – Lady-in-Waiting TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July – August- September

- Get bio to National Director and Asst. Director – One short and one long
- Start calling Assistant Director regularly
- Start on Sponsorships for next year
- Official photos taken for publicity, appearances, and autograph sheets – Nat'l Director will need about 5 color 4x5 photo's for publicity
- Have some black and white “Lady-in-Waiting” autograph sheets made
- Photo shoot with Jerry & Nola Hoff for business cards
- July – McCook Rodeo
- August – attend Nebraska PRCA rodeos if current MRN cannot
- Set up place for Coronation and start working on details
- Go to Denver Market with 2011 MRN
- See about getting chaps made

October – November

- Annual Meeting – Second Sunday in October
- Have tickets ready for Coronation
- Sponsorships - \$1,000+ sponsors need to be in place by November 15th for first printing of colored MRN 2012 autograph sheets
- Attend 2010 MRN Send Off Style Show – **Mandatory***

December

- Attend Miss Rodeo America Pageant with National Director
- Finalize plans for Coronation
- National Director will get letters out to Denver Stock Show and Rapid City - Will need to know what dates you will be attending
- Go to Denver Market

*Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association realizes that from time to time there may be scheduling conflicts. Please visit with your National Director to determine how to handle such situations when they arise.

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA – 2012 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

January

- Call Nat'l Director once a week – A time that works best for both of you. This will continue through your year.
- Coronation
- Denver Market
- Appearance at Denver Stock Show
- Lincoln PRCA Rodeo
- Kearney Home Show

February

- Rapid City Stock Show
- Buffalo Bill Birthday Bash - North Platte - NEBRASKAland DAYS Fund Raiser - **Mandatory**

Orientation: Jean Outfit
Horsemanship: Arena Outfit
Lake Party: Casual/swimwear
Radio/Personality/Interviews & Photogenic: Dress/Skirt and Jacket
Queens Luncheon: Dress/Skirt and Jacket (same as Personality Interview)
TV Interview: Dress/Skirt and Jacket (same as Personality Interview)
Frontier Revue: Jean Outfit
Horsemanship Interview: Jean Outfit
Group Interview: Jean Outfit (same as Horsemanship interview)
Style Show: Dress/Skirt and Jacket and Arena Outfit
Speech: Dress/Skirt & Jacket
Sponsor Visits: Jean Outfit
Coronation: Arena Outfit

GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS OF MISS RODEO NEBRASKA: THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISS RODEO NEBRASKA-LADY-IN-WAITING

The value of “Miss Rodeo Nebraska” to our state is limitless. During your reign you will be Nebraska’s Official Representative of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and should constantly be aware of the value of public relations between the general public and those actively involved in pro rodeo, and your responsibility and efforts to improve the image of rodeo to all with whom you come in contact. The experience gained as you travel across your state, and perhaps other parts of the country can be one which will enrich your life in countless ways.

Having been chosen as MRN you will not assume official duties until January 2012. You will have approximately six months to prepare yourself for your year as the reigning MRN. During that six month interval you will be responsible for preparing promotional materials, clothing and yourself; both mentally and physically for the upcoming year. Also, you will need to begin working with the Sponsorship committee soliciting sponsorships. Your Diamond Sponsors should be in place by November 15th.

You may be asked to appear at various functions during this six-month interval, but you may attend only after proper authorization from the MRA Nat’l Director-NE, Lynne Jeffers, and Assistant Director, Sherri Dodson.

Things to be done immediately after the crowning:

- *Discuss with Asst. Director a day & time for a weekly call – it is very important to stay in close communication with your directors.
- *Obtain crown insurance – please refer to the Guidelines & Procedures (addendum to MRN Contract) which gives detailed information on value and requirements.
- *Get photo taken for black and white autograph sheets and business cards.
- *Prepare business cards – Jerry Hoff of CO donates these.
- *Prepare script for back of Autograph Sheets.
- *Prepare a short and long bio for publicity releases.
- *Begin preparing your wardrobe
- *Begin preparation for your coronation.
- *Begin gathering sponsors, supporters, donors - this is extremely important - we need the \$1000 sponsors by December 1 - for the autograph sheets but the more sponsorship you can get done before coronation the easier it will be for you. **(All sponsorships must go to the MRN Sponsorship Chairman – for approval and accounting.)**
- *Begin studying on rodeo knowledge, current events and creating speech.
- *You are expected to concentrate solely on being Miss Rodeo Nebraska until after you compete in Las Vegas at the MRA Pageant in December 2012. You really won't have time for school the fall semester of 2012, or a full time job that is why sponsorship is so important.
- *Although your OFFICIAL responsibilities will not begin until after January 1st, you may be asked to attend various functions. During this interim period, all of your activities will need to be authorized by Lynne Jeffers, Natl. Director and Sherri Dodson, Assistant Director.
- *The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association is your main support group. They will help you in any way possible. As MRN you will receive financial assistance from the MRN Association. This is limited and is to be used as economically and efficiently as possible. All money raised in the name of Miss Rodeo NE 2012 must be used for your preparation as a Contestant of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant 2012. You are responsible for the largest portion of financial backing needed to be MRN.

We have estimated the cost to be \$30,000 - that is a conservative figure. We do have a Sponsorship Committee in the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association that works for you and will go with you to help on some of your sponsorship, but the majority of the money each year comes from the girl's hometown area because they know you and want to support you. The figures may vary; we simply feel like we need to give you a ballpark figure.

The Association has worked very hard to build the Sponsorship Program to what it is today. As stated, we have several sponsors who return year after year. The Sponsorship Committee is responsible for contacting these returning Sponsors. Working with the Sponsorship Chairperson will help you in knowing which sponsors are to be contacted by the Committee and which can be contacted by you.

MRNA is responsible for the entry fee for the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, which varies from year to year, the franchise fee, and additional costs as funds allow, along with monies generated from various donors, fund raisers, etc., linked with the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association.

It is very important for Miss Rodeo Nebraska to maintain and promote a good relationship with all sponsors.

Net income generated by fundraisers produced by you as MRN, to be approved by the MRN Association, will be entirely yours. An example of fundraisers would be:

- Coronation held in your hometown
- Style show in your hometown
- Any other money raised by you in the name of Miss Rodeo Nebraska

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.

The Association has members that are willing to help you with your coronation and other fundraisers.

Appearance fees – occasionally you will be offered appearance fees and/or travel expenses. This money is entirely yours and will be deposited into your account.

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. Every year is different, some girls raise more money than others; even though the Sponsorship Committee hopes to have repeat sponsorship, this does not always happen. Any money remaining at the end of your reign that was raised in the name of Miss Rodeo NE 2012 will be directed by the Executive Committee of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association.

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 MRN schedule. Each queen seems to add to this and the girls get busier every year.