

Sandoval County Queen Contest Rules

The title of Sandoval County Queen is one of honor and prestige. This title represents not only our western way of life, but also the quality of leadership among young women in New Mexico. These young women represent the leaders of tomorrow. The objective of the Sandoval County Queen Contest is to determine an official representative for Sandoval County and the Sandoval County Fair and Rodeo. The Sandoval County Queen serves as an ambassador for Sandoval County and the Sandoval County Fair to the general public, exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship and high moral and ethical standards. She should be able to speak intelligently, with authority, and with knowledge about Sandoval County, the State of New Mexico and the sport of Rodeo. She should also be familiar with our state's agriculture industry, our western heritage, and our diverse cultures. After all, that is what Sandoval County embodies. She is expected to conduct herself according to the prestigious title that she was chosen for.

Rules and Regulations

1. Age requirement's as of the following January 1st of the year she competes a. A Queen Contestant shall be a young woman between the ages of 18 years of age and not more than 24. b. Princess shall be between the ages 14 years of age and not more than 17. c. Sweetheart shall be between the ages of 9 years of age and not more than 13.
2. All contestants must be currently enrolled in school or have proof of high school diploma or GED.
3. All contestants must have never been married, pregnant or cohabitate with the opposite sex.
4. Residency a. All contestants must live within Sandoval County or within 50 miles of the Sandoval County Fair Grounds and are subject to show proof of residency.
5. Reign a. The elected Queen, Princess and Sweetheart will reign as Sandoval County Queen and court after the outgoing Queen completes the competition at the New Mexico State Fair Queens Contest b. The Contestant who is named Sandoval County Queen, Princess and Sweetheart shall reign for one year starting the day after the outgoing Sandoval County Queen has completed at the NMSFQ contest. As Sandoval County Queen, Princess or Sweetheart you are required to attend at least three fair board meetings and three county events. County events could be certain rodeos or parades. In the event the Queen, Princess or Sweetheart is unable to fulfill the title, then the First Attendant will assume the title.
6. Entry a. A contestant must complete, sign and return the entry application with applicable fees by the entry deadline, July 18th. b. The entry forms must also be signed, if contestant is a minor, by one parent or legal guardian of the contestant.
7. Horses a. A contestant will furnish her own horse and transportation to and from the Sandoval County Fair. b. Contestants are allowed to bring feed and bedding for their horse(s) c. Stall space will be available for contestants d. Limit two (2) horses per contestant if space is available e. No stallions are allowed f. A health certificate issued not earlier than thirty (30) days prior to arriving at the fairgrounds (health certificates are only valid for 30 days) is required for each horse. g. Contestant must also comply with all Health regulations as set forth by the New Mexico Livestock Board. For more information you can contact the New Mexico Livestock Board at (505) 841-6161. Check the Health Requirements on the New Mexico Livestock Board website - <http://www.nmlbonline.com/index>.

8. Check-in time is at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016 at Sandoval County Fair Grounds. It is required that each contestant attend orientation following check in. Chaperones will be on duty from orientation on Wednesday until Saturday evening after the performance of the rodeo.

Disqualification - A Contestant Shall be disqualified if:

1. Any family members, sponsors and/or friends of the contestant who attempt to influence or harass any of the judges, pageant and/or County Fair Officials, and/or chaperones, will result in the disqualification of that contestant.
2. Sandoval County Queen Contestant fails to fulfill obligations as directed and set forth in these rules and regulations and that of the Contest and County Fair Officials.
3. Contestant, family member, friend or sponsor of a contestant, displays any conduct detrimental to the title of Sandoval County Queen and/or the Sandoval County Fair.
4. The Queen Coordinator and Queen Committee have the right to deem any behavior not appropriate of the Sandoval County Fair Queen title as a disqualification.

Housing & Stalling

1. Each Contestant is responsible for making arrangements for an RV spot or reserve rooms if they wish to stay on the fairgrounds or in the area during the Sandoval County Fair and Queen contest. Contestants will be allowed to commute back and forth if they so wish after each phase of judging is complete for that day.
2. Each contestant will be provided 2 stalls on the fair grounds for the duration of the Sandoval County Fair and Queen contest.

Failure to abide by the rules by each Queen Contestant, or family/friends of each Contestant, may constitute automatic disqualification and removal from the grounds. This is not subject to appeal. Contestants must be chaperoned at all times and the Contestants must attend all Sandoval County Queen Contest events. All Contestants will be under the supervision of the Sandoval County Queen Contest Chaperones from the time the contest begins at check-in until the time the contest ends and Contestants are released. The Chaperones will escort the Contestants to and from all functions during the Contest. Contestants must decline all personal invitations during the contest. Most of the Sandoval County Queen functions are open to family and friends, but the Contestants must always sit together with the Chaperones.

Passes

1. Each contestant will receive one vehicle pass for entrance in and out of the Sandoval County Fair.
2. All Contestants must move their trailers after unloading to the Offsite Trailer Parking of the fair grounds.

Judging

1. Judging will be held July 23rd thru August 6th, 2016 respectively, and the Queen will be crowned August 6th, 2016 at the performance of the Rodeo.

2. There will be a panel of three Judges selected to Judge the Sandoval County Queen Contest. Their scores are all added together giving us one averaged score for each contestant. The Contestant with the highest averaged score will be the next Sandoval County Queen, Princess and Sweetheart.

3. The Contestants of the Sandoval County Queen Contest will be judged on the following criteria: Horsemanship, Personality and Personal Interviews.

4. There is an overall total of 200 points available per judge per contestant within the following divisions. Please review score sheets for further breakdown of scoring. Making a perfect score is worth 600 points.

a. Horsemanship Set pattern (1st go around) 50 Points b. Horsemanship Free style (2nd go around) 50

Points c. Personality (speeches) 50 Points d. Personal Interview 50 Points

Horsemanship 1. The horsemanship division accounts for 50% of the total judging. This division consists of a set pattern, free time pattern, horsemanship questions, Queen's Run and a Flag run for Queen Contestants. The aim of this division is to select the contestant who demonstrates her overall horsemanship abilities the best. 2. There will be two (2) riding sessions. We will draw for the order of competition at the Orientation. Each contestant will do the pattern set forth by this contest. Upon completion of the set pattern, each Contestant will do a Queens Run. When all the Contestants have completed the first portion of the Horsemanship, each Contestant will come back for their free time of (2) minutes. This gives the Contestants another opportunity to demonstrate their riding ability. At the completion of the free time, all Contestants will walk in and line up in the middle of the Arena. At this time the Judges will be able to ask the horsemanship questions 3. Bareback riding and Roman riding will not be allowed. Personality 1. The personality division accounts for 50% of the total judging. The aim of the division is to select the contestant who best projects her personality with enthusiasm, knowledge and confidence. This division consists of speech, modeling, impromptu questions, personal interview, written test and appearance. The aim of this division is to select the Contestant who rates highest. 2. The personality will be judged at various times during the contest. There will be a reception where Contestants will model, give their prepared speech, and respond to impromptu questions. The time limit for prepared speeches is three minutes. It is in the best interest of the Contestants to use the full three minutes. Judging will stop at the three minute time limit; however, contestants will be allowed to finish their speech. 3. Princess and Sweetheart contestants have a 2 minute time limit for speeches. 4. Private interviews will be conducted at a designated time. This interview is casual and personal, designed to let the judges get to know you on a personal level.

5. Tie breaking procedure: In the event that the total score in the Queen contest is a tie, then the Contestant with the higher score in Horsemanship shall be declared the Queen.

6. Finality of judges' scoring: As a condition of entry into the Queen contest, the Contestants agree that the judges' scoring is final, and not subject to appeal to any person or body, administrative or judicial.

7. Congeniality: Contestants may vote, by secret ballot, for the Congeniality Award to be given to the Contestant that demonstrates a genuine caring and friendliness towards other Contestants throughout the contest. These points will not be included in the judging divisions. A ballot including the name of each Contestant will be provided.

8. Crowning: All Contestants are expected to appear at the Coronation during the Rodeo. The Queen shall be crowned along with the First and Second Attendants.

9. The value of Sandoval County Queen, Princess or Sweetheart is limitless. She is the official Representative of Sandoval County and should constantly be aware of the value of public relations between the general public and the Sandoval County Fair Officials with whom she comes in contact. The experience gained during her reign will be one that will enrich her life in countless ways. General Information Parents and/or legal guardians, sponsors and relatives: a. The Sandoval County Fair welcomes and encourages family, relatives and friends to attend all events open to the public. Your support and assistance during the contest is very important to your Contestant. They need encouragement and help during this time. This contest will be an experience that will stay with them the rest of their life and is an opportunity to make lifelong friends. The Sandoval County Fair wants all persons associated with the Contestants to have a good time and enjoy the special activities planned throughout the contest.

SAMPLE SCORECARDS:

PERSONALITY SPEECH

____/20 Speech selection (interesting and entertaining)

____/15 Projects confidence, pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised and sincere

MODELING

____/5 Makes an onstage statement

____/5 Posture is straight and moves with fluid motion IMPROMPTU QUESTION

____/5 Did the contestant respond to the question in the correct context?

____/20 Well spoken

____/50 GRAND TOTAL HORSEMANSHIP 1ST GO AROUND SET PATTERN

____/10 Body position, seat, hands, legs

____/5 Completeness and correctness of pattern

____/10 Maintaining control of mount and dismount

____/10 Ability to answer horsemanship question

QUEENS RUN

____/10 utilizes the arena and maintain control--Quick but not dangerously fast

____/5 Connects with audience, hat stays on, and stops appropriately at end of run

____/50 GRAND TOTAL PERSONAL INTERVIEW INTERVIEW

____/10 Ability to articulate her opinions and aspirations and her sense of accomplishment

____/10 Poise and presence

PERSONAL STYLE

____/5 Personal Style

____/30 GRAND TOTAL HORSEMANSHIP 2nd GO AROUND FREESTYLE PATTERN

____/10 Body position, seat, hands, legs

____/10 Completeness and correctness of pattern

____/10 Maintaining control of mount and dismount

____/10 Selection of pattern

____/10 Variety of horsemanship maneuvers and horsemanship ability

____/50 GRAND TOTAL WRITTEN TEST

____/5 The State of New Mexico

____/5 The Sandoval County Fair ____/5 Rodeo ____/15 GRAND TOTAL