

# Judging Criteria

Judges are given score sheets for each contestant as she appears individually. Contestants are scored on individual performance and not in comparison in the following areas:

**Point values (per judge) are listed as follows**

Fair Queen Contest		Rodeo Queen Contest	
Private Interview	100pts	Private Interview	100pts
Modeling	100pts	Modeling	100pts
Speech	100pts	Speech	100pts
Written exam( judged but not scored)		Written exam( judged but not scored)	
Impromptu question	25pts	Impromptu question	25pts
Photogenic (judged but not scored)		Photogenic (judged but not scored)	
Fair demonstration	100pts	Horsemanship	100pts
Commercial	100pts	Horsemanship Interview	100pts
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>525pts</b>	<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>525pts</b>

## Appearance

- Attractiveness-General overall appearance, grooming (this includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as hands, hair, boots, hat, etc.) and self-confidence.
- Fashion-Western attire that is appropriate and stylish with particular attention given to proper fit, style, color and coordination that enhance her total appearance.
- Poise, posture, manners and ladylike behavior.
- Modeling-Ability, appearance, style and confidence.

## Speech

- Projection of personality to audience.
- Richness of voice, expression and projection.
- Enunciation, clarity and English diction.
- Enthusiasm, confidence and showmanship.
- Content of speech-well put together, interesting and flows together from thought to thought. (The time limit was used efficiently).

## Impromptu Question

- Ability to respond quickly and intelligently.

**Private Interview**

- Conversational ability, intelligence, maturity and common sense.
- Integrity, high moral standards, sincerity and disposition (happy outlook on life).
- Genuine interest in other people, noticeable consideration for others.

**Written Test**

- Given at rehearsal-is not judged but scored.

**Photogenic**

- Judges will score the required 8 x 10 color, vertical, head and shoulders photograph submitted by each contestant. Photos should be without a crown.
- A contestants' strength of character and personality are reflected in her photo.

**Commercial (Fair Contestants Only)**

- Entertaining-whether it makes you want to come to the SNMSF&R.
- Costumes and props
- Enthusiasm

**Fair Demonstration (Fair Contestants Only)**

- Appearance-suitably dressed, posture, poise, and natural delivery.
- Introduction-Purpose, interesting, catches attention
- Body-accurate, complete information, demonstrates correct method, logical steps clearly presented, skilled use of equipment, and effective visual presentation.
- Conclusion-achieve purpose, finished product or methods meet desired standards.

**Horsemanship (Rodeo Contestants Only)**

- Position of feet and hands, general balance and poise of rider.
- Knowledge and execution of leads, backing and sliding stops.
- Mount and dismount.
- Horsemanship interview: knowledge, ability to answer questions, delivery and grammar.
- Tack: proper fit, cleanliness and knowledge of purpose.
- Queen's run: smile, salute, speed and control.
- Free Time: Performance of a variety of horsemanship maneuvers. You will be judged on control and handling of your horse, taking into account the activity. (Music will not be allowed for free time event.)
- Flag Run: queen and princess contestants will be required to carry a flag on horseback which is a maneuver often expected of them. (Jr. princess contestant not required)

**Horsemanship Pattern (Rodeo Contestants Only)**

- Walk through gate to the left past Judges box.
- Pick up trot at the center of arena and continue to east end.
- Pick up lope to center of arena, opposite Judges position.
- Do a small figure eight, starting to the right.
- Do a large figure eight.
- Continue on to cone and stop and back.
- Dismount and proceed to Judges, show horse, check tack, interview.
- When the judges have dismissed you, remount your horse and ride back to entrance gate to start Queen's run.

**Other Factors That Will be Considered:**

Sportsmanship- This is not judged but calculated by monetary amount brought in through sponsorship and the sale of raffle tickets. A buckle will be given to the contestant with the highest amount.

Miss Congeniality- This is voted on by the contestants thru secret ballot and an award will be given to the contestant that demonstrates a genuine caring and friendliness to her peers throughout the contest.

**Finality of Judges' Scoring:**

As a condition of entry into the SNMSF&R Queen & Princess Pageant, the contestant agrees that the judges' scoring is FINAL, and not subject to appeal to any person or body, administrative or judicial.

**The Tie-Breaking Procedure:**

In the event that the total score results in a tie, the Rodeo contestant with the highest Horsemanship score will be declared the winner. In the Fair contest the highest score in the Demonstration category will be declared the winner.

**Grievances:**

All grievances must be put in writing and submitted to the Queen's Superintendent, Margaret Ciriza. She along with her committee will set up a meeting to discuss the particular grievance with all concerned and will make every attempt to expedite a resolution.

**Crowning:**

A Coronation Dinner will follow the Sunday competition where the winners in all categories will be crowned. All awards in the separate categories will be given at this time also.

The new reigning courts along with their parents and/or guardians will be expected to meet with the SNMSF&R Queen Committee, at a time to be coordinated with all parties, to go over duties and expectations for the activities scheduled throughout the reigning year. This is MANDATORY.

**Parents, Sponsors, and Relatives:**

At no time during the contest will parents or others associated with the contestant be allowed to interfere with the judges or contest officials. The SNMSF&R welcomes and encourages family, relatives, and friends to attend all events open to the public, or as designated in the agenda. Your support and assistance during the contest is very important to your contestant, she needs encouragement and help during this time. This contest should be a positive experience that will stay with her the rest of her life and an opportunity to make life long friends. We also want the people associated with the contestants to have a good time and enjoy the special activities planned throughout the contest. We would like to remind all who are involved that the Superintendent, Queen Committee members, SNMSF&R Fair Board members are all volunteers who donate many hours without monetary compensation. They do this willingly because of their passion for providing this competition and their love for the young women who compete.

**Other Information:**

The coronation dinner served after the Sunday competition will also benefit this worthwhile program and make the crowning a special event. All proceeds go to purchase the buckles, sashes, official shirts, programs, and other awards given along with parade decorations, entry fees and other expenses throughout the reigning year. We appreciate your continued support and tickets will be on sale at the orientation. The dinner will be served while the judges scores are being tabulated by the accounting firm. A silent auction will also take place during the Sunday activities.