

Contestant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court Rules and Regulations

To participate as Baker County Fair royalty is an honor and privilege and all individuals must adhere to the following rules and regulations:

1. The age limits for contestants are: Princess 12-21 years old, Queen 15-21 years old. Age is determined as of January of the current year. Contestants and Court Members cannot be married.
2. During tryouts, contestants will wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, and a western hat. At all rodeos, parades and events, each court member will wear court outfits for the duration of the event. The Court Advisor must approve all outfits: hats, boots, crown, tack, flowers, chinks, chaps, etc. that will be worn. A budget for each court member will be established and any cost incurred above that budget will be the sole responsibility of the court member and her family. Court attire will not be worn outside of Court appearances.
3. All girls must ride the horse that they try out throughout their reign on the court. An exception to this rule will be if the Court Member has a signed statement from a veterinarian that states that their horse is unable to be ridden because of injury or illness. The other exception would be for the Court Member to petition the Pine Valley Fair Association for the change of mount. The court members must be able to have complete control over their horse so that accidents will not happen. If at any time, the Court Advisor deems a girl's horse to be unsafe, the Court Advisor will insist the horse be replaced with a more suitable mount.
4. The court will be required to attend 6 events, plus any other Baker County event requested to attend. These events include: Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Haines Stampede or Vale 4th of July, Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo, Chief Joseph Days, Grant County Fair & Rodeo and Baker County Fair and Rodeo, Nyssa Nite Rodeo. Optional events include: Union County Fair, Elgin Stampede, Catherine Creek Fair and Rodeo, Jordan Valley Rodeo, Snake River Stampede, Weiser Rodeo, Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, Eagle Fun Days Rodeo, Shriner's Parade, Pendleton Roundup, Cambridge Rodeo, Council Rodeo, Malheur County Fair, ICA Finals. These events have priority over other activities such as 4H, FFA, State Fair, School and Rodeo Sports, etc. If court members are unable to attend the events, they must be excused by the Court Advisor.
5. Court members will be responsible for their own transportation unless other arrangements are made. Court members will arrive at each event with a clean, groomed horse, tack and saddle and clean clothes that have been ironed.
6. All Court Members will be required to help in any fundraising activities for the Pine Valley Fair Association. Court members are responsible for the program ads, which include traveling to

Baker City, Richland, Halfway, and the surrounding area. Ads must be sold in person and in western wear.

7. All Court members must reside in Baker County or the surrounding areas in Oregon or Idaho during their reign.
8. Court members are to be poised, friendly, and courteous at all times while representing the Pine Valley Fair Association and Panhandle Rodeo.
9. Court members must attend Rodeo Court meeting scheduled by the Court Advisor.
10. Court members will not ask businesses for donations to the Queens court until all ads are sold.
11. Parents and/or Chaperones must at all times be supportive of the Pine Valley Fair Association, Court Members, Court Advisor and other parents.

REASONS FOR REMOVAL FROM COURT

1. The illegal use or manufacture of harmful drugs, use of alcohol and/or tobacco, shoplifting, serious traffic citations or other law breaking offenses, etc.
2. Interference by friends or family members.
3. Reasons determined by the Pine Valley Fair Association and/or the Court Advisor.

Infractions of the Rules and Regulations will be heard by a Review Committee consisting of two Pine Valley Fair Association members (Court Directors) and the Court Advisor.

1. If the offense of illegal use of manufacture for harmful drugs, use of alcohol and/or tobacco, shoplifting, serious traffic citations or other law breaking offenses, etc. the Review Committee will ask of the Court Member's resignation after consultation.
2. For other infractions, the Review Committee will issue a verbal warning and/or present to the Court Member a written plan of improvement. If compliance and/or improvement is not made to the satisfaction of the Review Committee, the individual may be removed from the court. All decisions by the Review Committee are final. Court removal will result in the loss of all rights and privileges, including issued clothing and necessities that were not paid for by the individual.

My parents and I have read and discussed the above rules, guidelines, and regulations. We understand them and agree to follow them explicitly while I am a Court Member. I also understand that if I should have any questions regarding any deviation from the above rules, guidelines, and regulations, I will discuss them with the Court Advisor.

Signature of the

Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of

Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Personal Interview – (0-40 points) Each contestant will meet with the panel of judges for approximately 5 minutes. The contestant should have the ability to remain poised while holding a conversation or answering questions. The contestant has the opportunity to show their knowledge of rodeo as well as show their personality one on one. The questions will help the judges determine how well the contestant will work under pressure and how they act or react under certain situations and environments.

Horsemanship – (0-135 points) Each contestant will be required to provide their own horse, which can be ridden in a bridle (not a snaffle bit) with one hand on the reins. Horsemanship patterns will be provided upon receipt of application. Judges may talk to the contestants, or ask horsemanship questions in the arena, during the Horsemanship. You may be asked to switch horses with another contestant during this section of the competition; your horse must be suitable for others to ride.

1. Horsemanship #1 – (0-60 points)

- Contestant must complete the pattern provided using their horse.
- Horsemanship, including control of mount, proper arena etiquette and the way that each situation that may occur is handled. Understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged.
- Balance, ability and position of hands, feet and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
- Understanding of leads and proper execution of a specific pattern.
- Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science. The following categories may be used in impromptu questions, interviews, and written test: tack, horse science, Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo
- Terminology, events, standings, and rules.
- Showmanship, including how well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
- Required attire for horsemanship is western jeans (blue or black), long sleeved button down western shirt, boots, belt, and hat (no straw hats). ***No chaps, sequence or rhinestones of any kind will be allowed.***
- Suitability of horse to rider may be considered in final evaluation as well as overall condition of your horse.

2. Horsemanship #2 – (0-40 points)

- Contestant will be asked to complete a second pattern provided on an unknown horse.
- Horses will be drawn at random and the contestant will have 5 minutes to ride the drawn horse prior to performing the pattern.
- Horses may be drawn from contestant horses or stock contractor and/or competitor horses

3. Arena Presence – (0-35 points)

- Arena and flag runs.
- Ability of the contestant to work cattle effectively.

Modeling Category – (0-30 Points)

1. Appearance – (0-10 points)

- Attractiveness and grooming, including neatness and cleanliness in details such as hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel.
- Posture, including carrying themselves straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.
- Clothing that is western, fashionable, and tasteful. Attention will be given to a contestant's ability to use color and style to enhance their personal features. Proper fit is important, including figure-flattering styles altered for a personal fit and properly fitted and shaped hats. Judges will be looking for versatility, imagination, and a contestant's ability to carry out a "total look" rather than expensive or excessive clothing.

3. **Personality** – (0-20 points)

- Intelligence, good common sense, and a good sense of humor.
- Conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
- Ability and willingness to work well with others, including coordinator and board members.
- Confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, integrity, maturity, and positive outlook on life.
- Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.
- Ability to project one's personality in a natural way whether from horseback, on stage or in personal interactions.
- Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be disqualified at the Pageant Coordinator's discretion.

Discretionary Points – (0-25 point) –

- Judges Opinion – (0-10)
- Coordinators Opinion – (0-10)
- Silent Judge Opinion – (0-5)

Knowledge – (0-10 points) This category includes written tests scores and knowledge points from the personal interview and impromptu questions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARENTS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES - The Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court Committee welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends, and relatives during the competition. The Court Coordinator requests complete cooperation from these supporters during pageant activities. At no time during the contest shall parents, friends and relatives disturb contestants or approach judges. Parents, friends, and relatives are invited to attend all activities, except for interviews and written tests.

SPORTSMANSHIP - The Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court Committee expects each contestant and their supporters to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest, during and following coronation and during the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo as well as at any other function where you would be representing the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Association. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo, the sport of rodeo. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court.

PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS - Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Coordinator. The Baker County Fair and Panhandle Coordinator and the board of Directors have full authority over the pageant and any decision they

make regarding rules and/or participation is final. Questions should be directed to the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Coordinator:
Audrene Simpson 541-540-6254

Questionnaire

1. Have you held other titles or participated in other contests?
2. What made you decide to run for the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court?
3. Do you plan to run for other queen titles in the future?
4. Past accomplishments or achievements in school, rodeo, sports, etc...
5. How long have you been rodeoing and what event(s) do you participate in?
6. What plan do you have to represent rodeo if you are selected for the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Court?
7. What is the name of the horse you are using for this contest and is it yours? How old is the horse? What events does your horse do?
8. What are your other hobbies or interests and community services?
9. What is your favorite thing about rodeo?
10. If selected as Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Queen/Princess what will you do to positively promote the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo Association?