

# 2026 Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Contestant Rules

## **I Rules:**

The Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connection with, or incident of the contest. The Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and is in its judgements, may deem advisable.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Committee:

1. Contestants must live within a 50-mile radius of the City of Yucaipa.
2. Contestants must be 6 to 24 years of age as of January 1, 2025.
3. If there are fewer than 3 contestants in any given age category, the committee has the right to cancel or omit that category or combine age categories for that year.
4. If there are no contestants in an age division, the Miss Rodeo Yucaipa Queen Committee has the right to appoint one or adjust the age divisions.
5. Contestants are not permitted to ride a stallion in the contest.
6. All contestants must score at least a 70% overall score to win. She must also complete all aspects of the contest.
7. The City of Yucaipa rule for the arena is anybody under 18 must wear a helmet.
8. Any contestant caught in a compromising position by any committee member will be automatically disqualified and will not be allowed to continue in the contest. Example – smoking, drinking, drugs, inappropriate public displays of affection or inappropriate social media engagement, etc.
9. Each contestant will be required to send in an application fee of \$50.00 with your application. This fee is non-refundable.
10. Contestants are required to attend and/or perform as directed by the contest schedule. The schedule will be handed out at the orientation.
11. Each contestant will be required to attend events that the City of Yucaipa or the Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee are holding for the promotional purposes of the Rodeo.
12. Each contestant will be required to bring in queen sponsorships equal to a minimum of \$500.00. This can be raised from sales of queen contest ads in our rodeo queen coronation program, monetary donations, or prizes in kind for the dollar amount of the value.
13. Each contestant will need to bring in at least one silent auction item (valued at more than \$50.00) for the prize drawing and silent auction to be held during the coronation dinner and dance.
14. There will be a prize for salesmanship for the contestant bringing in the most in combined sales of rodeo tickets, queen coronation tickets, queen contest sponsorships, and rodeo sponsorships.

15. Contestants must be single, never married, or have any children. If a reigning queen becomes married or becomes pregnant during her reign, she must relinquish her title immediately.
16. Any harassment of the pageant committee, rodeo committee, judges or other contestants by another contestant or her family will be considered grounds for disqualification from the competition or removal of a title.
17. The chaps are perpetual and the property of the Yucaipa Rodeo Committee. They must be kept in good condition during the reign of the Miss, Junior, Young and the Little Queen. If they are not, are damaged, or lost they must be replaced at the expense of the title owner. The chaps will be relinquished to the incoming queens.
18. Title holders in any division may not run again in the same age division.
19. Title holders may not run for another rodeo queen title during her reign unless it's for a state or national title. If a reigning queen obtains a state or national title, the rodeo committee has the discretion to release her from the remainder of her contract.
20. Cell phones need to be silenced or off while you are at clinics, functions, and events. While riding in rodeos or at any event your cell phone can't be visible, i.e. sticking out of your back pocket. Please excuse yourself to answer your phone or text if you have an emergency.

**Exceptional Miss contestant:** Exceptional miss is a unique category that allows an applicant with special needs to experience the rodeo queen contest under the guidance of the rodeo queen committee. The contestant will be encouraged to participate to the best of their ability in all categories. At the conclusion of the contest the exceptional applicant will be highlighted as being an exceptional contestant.

**Queen contest sponsors:** Sponsorships for the queen contest can be for ads in our rodeo queen coronation program, monetary donations, or prizes in kind for the dollar amount of the value. The dollar amount of these sponsorships will also be included with the salesmanship award.

**Rodeo Event Sponsors:** Please contact Paige DeVilbiss at [YucaipaRodeoSponsor@gmail.com](mailto:YucaipaRodeoSponsor@gmail.com) for rodeo sponsorship information. Any rodeo sponsor acquired will not count towards the rodeo queen sponsorship requirements. Rodeo event sponsors acquired will go towards the salesmanship award. However, the queen name must be listed on the event sponsor application at time of sponsor submission in order for the queen to get credit towards salesmanship.

**Apparel:** Contestants are required to wear the following at each event

- **Interview, speech, queen coronation:** Dress slacks, colored, dark blue or white jeans (boot cut, dark denim only, no light wash, no skinny jeans, no holes or rips), dress, skirt (must be below the knee), long sleeve western shirt, felt hat (no straw hats and must be rodeo queen style/shaped), belt, western buckle, and sash

- **Horsemanship:** Western, boot cut jeans (colored, white or dark blue) or horsemanship pants, long sleeve western shirt, helmet, western boots, belt, western buckle and sash. No chaps allowed.

\*\*\*ALL ATTIRE INCLUDING SASH MUST BE CLEAN, IRONED AND PROFESSIONAL AT ALL TIMES\*\*\*

## **II Contest Components:**

### **Age Divisions:**

Little Miss: ages 6 to 9 years

Young Miss: ages 10 to 13 years

Junior Miss: ages 14 to 17 years

Miss: ages 18 to 24 years

Exceptional Miss: ages 6-24

### **Interview:**

Contestants will be required to participate in an informal interview. Family members or friends will not be allowed at the interview, only contestants, judges, and committee members. Contestants will be judged on their overall appearance and presentation during the interview session.

### **Public Speaking and modeling:**

Speech topics and details will be sent to the contestants when their application is received. As the contestants enter the stage they will model their outfit. A description of what they will be wearing will be turned in and read by the MC. The contestant will then start their speech.

**Impromptu Question:** Contestants will be asked impromptu questions immediately following their speech. Questions will be selected randomly.

### **Horsemanship:**

Junior, and Senior Contestants will be required to perform a pattern, a queens run, and a flag run.

Young and Little Miss contestants will be required to perform a pattern and a queen's run. All contestants are required to use western tack.

### **III Judging**

The committee will select judges for each event of the contest.

#### **The points for the judging are as follows**

Horsemanship pattern 90 points  
Horsemanship interview 60 points  
Flag run 80 points  
Queens run 70 points  
Speech interview 80 points  
Speech 150 points  
Impromptu and Tack ID 70 points  
Knowledge 50 points

Total points possible 650

### **IV Categories of prizes to be awarded**

#### **Horsemanship Award**

Each category will have a horsemanship award for the contestant earning the highest amount of points in the horsemanship portion of the contest.

#### **Public Speaking Award**

This will be awarded to a contestant in each category for the highest score in the public speaking portion of the contest which includes the speech and impromptu questions.

#### **Interview Award**

This will be awarded to a contestant in each category for the highest score in the interview portion of the contest.

#### **Congeniality Award**

This award is voted on by the contestants and should be awarded to the most congenial person in the contest. Each contestant will vote for 1 girl in any age division during the competition. There are no points awarded for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

#### **Photogenic Award**

This award is chosen by a panel of judges based on contestant photos taken for the rodeo program. There are no points for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

#### **Salesmanship Award**

The contestant who sells the most rodeo tickets, coronation tickets, rodeo sponsorships, and rodeo queen pageant sponsorships will win the salesmanship award. There are no points for this award and it does not affect the outcome of the pageant.

### **Education Award**

The contestant in each division with the most points in the education portion of the contest.

### **V Responsibilities of the Reigning Rodeo Queens**

Reigning 2026 Yucaipa Rodeo Queens will be expected to make the following appearances during the 2025/2026 City of Yucaipa and Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee events:

1. Ride in the 2025 Yucaipa Rodeo as a contestant.
2. Participate in City of Yucaipa and Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee events, as able, expectation is at least one event per month
3. Ride in the 2025 Yucaipa Christmas Parade
4. Ride in at least one other community parade such as the Cherry Festival parade in Beaumont, any of the Norco parades, and/or the Banning Stagecoach Days Parade in Banning..
5. Attend other rodeos throughout the 2025/2026 rodeo season. Mandatory local rodeos include: Norco Horseweek rodeo (April), Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo (August), and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rodeo(September). For these three, local rodeos, all queens will be required to ride in at least one performance.
6. Attend the 2026 Yucaipa rodeo queen contest and coronation.
7. Ride in the 2026 Yucaipa Rodeo event as the reigning queen.
8. Participate in all 2026 queen contestant events including information meeting, orientation, and clinics being held. (Must be fully dressed in queen attire and crown unless running for another title )

I have read and understood the rules of this contest:

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Contestant signature

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Parent or guardian signature if contestant is under 18

## **VI Tentative schedule of events.**

All clinics and meetings will be held at the Yucaipa Equestrian Center arena and/or the office, 13273 California St, Yucaipa, CA 92399

### **Photos will be taken at the Blooming Ridge Ranch, 9030 Whispering Pines Rd. Cherry Valley.**

- 2/23/25 ORIENTATION 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. We will discuss the contest rules and expectations during the contest. We will also go over hair, clothing and makeup tips so the contestants are aware of what is expected during the contest and during their reign.
- 3/02/25 - Horsemanship and speech clinic. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Clothing exchange.
- 3/09/25 - Horsemanship and speech clinic. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Clothing exchange.
  - Tips on stage presence and modeling.
- 3/16/25 - Contestant Photos start, 11:00 a.m. We will have sign ups for time slots.

#### **Photos will be at Blooming Ridge Ranch in Cherry Valley.**

- 10:30 for those wanting help with hair and make-up.
- You can practice your speech with committee members and receive pointers during photos.
- DEADLINE TO TURN IN APPLICATION. You don't need to wait until the deadline to turn in your application and acquire sponsors, You can start immediately.
- 3/30/25- Make - up Contestant Photos start, 11:00 a.m. We will have sign ups for time slots.

#### **Photos will be at Blooming Ridge Ranch in Cherry Valley.**

- 10:30 for those wanting help with hair and make-up.
- You can practice your speech with committee members and receive pointers during photos.
- 1:00 p.m. Horsemanship and flag practice at the arena.
- 4/12/25- Speech and Knowledge clinic. 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Clothing exchange.
  - Tips on stage presence and modeling.
  - Horsemanship clinic and flag tryouts.. 1:00 p.m.
  - Flag tryouts are for contestants only. No open tryouts.
- 4/26/25- 1:00 p.m. DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL MONEY.
  - Knowledge clinic.
  - Last chance for flag tryouts if needed to be in the rodeo.
  - Flag tryouts are for contestants only. No open tryouts.
- 5/25/25- Horsemanship and speech final practice before the contest 1:00 p.m.

**Rodeo Grand Entry rehearsal MANDATORY** \*Time and date to be announced\*

May 16th and 17th...Rodeo time!

## Contest and Coronation Schedule, 2025

### **Saturday, May 31st:**

9:00 a.m. Interviews will be held at the Yucaipa Arena Office.  
Committee members and contestants only. Parents are only allowed outside.

12:00 p.m. - We will break for lunch at approximately noon, the contestants will have lunch with the committee members and judges inside the office. No parents

1:00 p.m. Horsemanship - Yucaipa Arena. Public is invited to watch. We will start with the little contestants, young contestants, junior contestants, and end with the Miss contestants. The order of go in each age division will be by a draw of numbers by the contestants. The order of go chosen for the horsemanship contest will be reversed for the Speech contest.

### **Sunday, June 1st:**

10:00 a.m. Education stations, YPAC. Contestants and parents only will be allowed in the facility at this time. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the contestants.

11:00 a.m. Doors open to everyone with a ticket

12:00 p.m. Speech contest, modeling, and Impromptu questions. Order of go will be the reverse order of the number chosen for horsemanship.

5:00 p.m. (Approximately) Dinner will be served Immediately following speeches.

6:00 p.m. Coronation, door prize drawing, and silent auction.

8:00 p.m. End of event

# 2026 Rodeo Queen Application

Please send completed applications to [yucaiparodeoqueen@gmail.com](mailto:yucaiparodeoqueen@gmail.com)  
Or you can bring them to any of our clinics before the deadline of 3/16/25

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age, as of January 1, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical or learning disability that we need to know about? \_\_\_\_\_

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Use additional sheets of paper in needed for the below questions:

School Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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School Extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List years participated in County fairs, projects, club involvement and accomplishments:

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Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contestants Signature

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Parent Signature (if under 18)

\*If contestant is entering in as an Exceptional Miss, an additional questionnaire must be completed\*



**YUCAIPA RODEO QUEEN SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**  
SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT BY BECOMING A SPONSOR OF THE  
**Rodeo Queen Contest for the 2025 Yucaipa Rodeo**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Yucaipa Equestrian Arena Committee

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE PRIZES FOR THE CONTESTANTS, SERVICES, GIFT CARDS,  
AND ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.

**Completed forms can be emailed to: [yucaiparodeoqueen@gmail.com](mailto:yucaiparodeoqueen@gmail.com)**

Company/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE #: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Yucaipa Rodeo Queen Contestant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Coronation Program Ad Purchase (Please Check One):

Business Card Ad \_\_\_\_ Quarter Page Ad \_\_\_\_\_

Half Page Ad \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page Ad \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRIBUTION, DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In-Kind Contribution (Type of Product or Service): \_\_\_\_\_

In-Kind Service (Type of Product or Service): \_\_\_\_\_

Raffle Prize and Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Miss Exceptional Rodeo Queen Questionnaire

**The following questions/ information is not shared with anyone.**  
**It is only shared with the relevant staff members.**

Please tell us about the participant's disability and how it affects her.

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### **Please circle Yes or No to below questions**

Does the Contestant use an Augmented and Alternative Communication (AAC) System (ex: IPAD, speech generating device, photo grid, alphabet board)?

Yes    No

Does the contestant need assistance walking?

Yes    No

Will the contestant use a mobility device? (Wheelchair, scooter, crutches, walker) at the pageant?

Yes    No

Does the participant communicate with American Sign Language?

Yes    No

Does the participant have a history of seizures?

Yes    No

Should we be aware of any additional conditions or needs?

Please use a separate sheet of paper or complete on the other side if needed.