



Royalty Contest Judging

Personality & Appearance Judging:

Modeling: Judges will be observing the contestants for posture, poise and the ability to portray confidence. Greater emphasis will be given to the way a contestant carries her "total western look." Contestants should be prepared to execute/improv a number of turns and poses while her Introduction Bio is read by a contest official.

Speech: Contestants will be required to prepare and recite a 2 ½ to 3-minute speech on the theme of "The Year of the Horse" A penalty will be assessed if the contestant goes over the 3 minutes or under the 2 ½ minute time set. We are looking for creativity in developing a topic and the presence during the delivery of the speech. Points allocated for the speech will be included in the total points. The speech must be original and pertain to the theme.

Extemporaneous Questions: Require the contestants to "think on her feet", demonstrate the ability to communicate confidently and show maturity, intelligence, wisdom and imagination.

Horsemanship Judging:

- Mount/Dismount
- Controlled Pattern (not speed)
- Overall Horsemanship
- Control of mount and the ability to handle each situation that may occur
- Balance (ability to sit in a saddle)
- Position of hands, feet and seat
- Controlled presentation ride
- Horsemanship interview

Throughout all phases of the competition. Contestants will also be judged on:

Overall Appearance:

Personal Grooming: Neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands and fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other apparel.

Attire: Blouses should be western, long-sleeved style. Revealing or transparent blouses are not allowed. No cleavage and absolutely nothing braless should be worn. Prairie dress should be western cut and long enough to cover the top of the boots. Contestant's awareness of what is fashionable, western dress, with particular attention given to how the contestant's clothing fits her and suits her personality, the length of her skirt, trousers and jacket, also the crease and shape of her hat.

Color Coordination: Contestant's awareness of how the use of various color combinations can enhance appearance and visual appeal.

Overall Personality & Presentation: This will include interactions with all other Contestants, Judges, Contest Officials, West Stampede Committee and City of West Jordan Representatives.

Contestants will be judged during all phases of the competition.