



## **MISS RODEO MANDAN & MISS RODEO MANDAN PRINCESS PAGEANT**

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### **MEET MISS RODEO MANDAN**

Miss Rodeo Mandan symbolizes the young women of North Dakota wishing to further promote the sport of rodeo and the western way of life. She is the ideal type American and represents rodeo and North Dakota with enthusiasm and pride. While spreading goodwill for Mandan and North Dakota, Miss Rodeo Mandan is acquiring lifetime experiences for her future.

Miss Rodeo Mandan serves as an ambassador for Rodeo and Mandan portraying excellence in sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and reflects careful and humane treatment of animals. Miss Rodeo Mandan is expected to act, speak, and dress according to the prestige of the title as well as have an understanding of the great sport of rodeo.

### **CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY:**

All contestants shall,

1. Be residents of North Dakota. Queen contestant must be between the ages of 18 to 23 as of Dec. 31 of the current year and on track to receive high school diploma or equivalent, to assure eligibility for the Miss Rodeo North Dakota Pageant in the fall of the next year. Princess contestants must be between the ages of 8 and 12 as of July 1 and be from Mandan or within an approximate 125 mile radius.
2. Commit to abiding by all rules and regulations presented to them upon signing the entry form.
3. Never have been married or pregnant and must continue as such throughout the title year.
4. Submit the required entry fee of \$50.00. Please make check payable to the Mandan Rodeo.
5. Submit proof of age (i.e. copy of their birth certificate or driver's license).
6. Provide a color, head & shoulders photograph with hat, proper lighting and plain, non-distracting background.

#### **Must be in a high resolution (300 dpi) digital format as a JPEG email attachment.**

7. Be available for the dates of July 2-4, of this year.
8. Have sufficient riding skill to participate in the horsemanship competition and rodeo grand entries, and shall compete on the same horse throughout the pageant (horsemanship and grand entries). Contestants are not required to own a horse but must have a horse available during Rodeo Days. Horses should be tolerant of a rodeo environment including music, flags and crowds.

### **CONTEST DETAILS:**

Contestants will be judged in horsemanship, personality and appearance categories by a panel of at least 3 judges.

#### Horsemanship:

1. Tie-down and spurs are NOT allowed during the horsemanship competition and split reins are required. Roping reins, spurs and tie-downs ARE allowed during the grand entries if needed.
2. Each contestant will ride a required pattern on their horse approach the judges and dismount for questioning. After remounting, queen contestants will proceed directly into presentation run. They will then return to the gate, get a flag and do a 1 lap flag run; Princess contestants will proceed directly into a 1 lap presentation run, no flags; Each contestant will then draw for their second horse. Both queen and princess contestants will return to the arena for the rail work portion of the contest.
3. Horsemanship attire is to consist of Wrangler blue jeans, white western long sleeve shirt without embellishments, hat, boots, and belt of choice.
4. Grand Entries may be judged on the nights of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contestants will enter the arena at a fast pace, do a presentation run and exit arena. Again, roping reins, spurs and tie-downs ARE allowed during the grand entries if needed.

#### Personality:

1. Each contestant will have a private personal interview with the judges not to exceed 10 minutes in length.
2. During the luncheon, each contestant will deliver a speech (3-4 minutes for the queen division and 2-3 minutes for the princess division) on Mandan Rodeo Days. Speeches should be memorized.
3. Contestants will answer age appropriate impromptu questions during the luncheon. Topics may include rodeo knowledge, current events &/or personality.

#### Appearance:

1. Grand entries may be judged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Western attire is required including western hat, boots, belt and long sleeves on all outfits. Shirts must be tucked in, Wrangler jeans are preferred - (any style, color).
2. Contestants should wear the same outfit for the speech, interviews, and luncheon. This can be a western dress, skirt outfit or pant outfit. Formal leather dresses are NOT required. Think semi-formal or fashion forward.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES AND MISC.:**

\*Deadline for application materials is May 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the Mandan Rodeo Days Publication. Entries will continue to be accepted until June 11<sup>th</sup>, with no guarantee of being published.

\*A complete pageant schedule, score sheets, horsemanship patterns and all other information will be provided to all contestants after application materials are received.