

## **Judges Guidelines**

### **Introductions:**

Will be given a deduction of 10 points from the total score if deviate from this list. For the introduction, we are looking for something short, simple and to the point. Your introduction should include name, age, hometown, and high school you attend. DO NOT GO ON WITH LENGTHY INTRODUCTION OR YOU WILL LOSE 10 POINTS, PER NHSRA RULEBOOK.

### **Photogenic Award:**

Will recognize the young woman who is considered the most photogenic of all contestants in the IHSRA contest. This award will receive no points toward the final standings of the IHSRA Queen Contest, so therefore will have no bearing on the outcome of the contest. The winner will receive an award.

### **Speech Topic:**

Contestant is to speak about her country, state/province, or any western theme.

### **Judging:**

- a. All Judges will meet at a time and place designated by Queen Chairperson and Coordinator before actual judging takes place.
- b. Five (5) judges and one (1) alternate will judge the entire contest. The alternate judge's score will be used only to break ties between first, second, third and fourth place regarding the Queen Contest total points. The High and Low Score of the five judges in each of the categories will be thrown out and the other three scores added together to obtain total score.
- c. Categories to be judged and points to be used are as follows:
  - (1) Modeling 1-25 points
  - (2) Personality 1-25 points
  - (3) Appearance 1-25 points
  - (4) Personal Interview 1-50 points. No questions on sex or religion will be asked. Written questions will be reviewed by chairperson and coordinator.
  - (5) Prepared Speech 1-50 points. Two-minute talk, subject or subjects to be selected by chairperson and coordinator. To be mailed by May 1 of each year. Props of any kind may not be used during the prepared speech.
  - (6) Impromptu Speech 1-25 points. Contestant will be given a question or subject to respond to.
  - (7) Test 1-25 points. 50 questions to be taken from the current rule book. 17 true/false, 17 multiple choice, and 16 fill ins. Each question is worth 1/2 (.50) points. These scores to go directly to the master score sheet.
  - (8) Horsemanship 1-50 points. Each contestant will be judged once for horsemanship. Contestant will receive a zero (0) from each judge for falling off or being bucked off the horse during the horsemanship pattern. States/Provinces holding multiple queen

contests have the option of choosing from three approved reining patterns at the qualifying rodeos. Only approved patterns by the National Queen Committee will be used at State/Province Finals and National Finals. No two girls may ride the same horse in this event. '

- d. Total possible points per contestant is 250 per judge, plus 25 for test.
- e. Positions for competition will be drawn for.
- f. Queen contest judging is open to the public, with the exception of test and personal interview.

### **Attire:**

a. Contestants will wear jeans and western blouses or shirts (no jackets and/or vests are allowed) at all judged events except the speech and modeling competition and horsemanship, where specific attire is outlined below.

b. Speech and modeling competition - At the speech and modeling portion of the contest, contestants have the option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress pants, jeans and shirts. No dresses or skirts during crowning ceremony.

d. Horsemanship – Cinch/ Cruel Denim blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shirt (no ruffles, accessories or tuxedo shirts). All blouses, dresses and shirts worn in the Queen Contest must have long sleeves extending to the wrist and a collar. A collar is to be raised at least one (1) inch on the neck. It can be a mock style collar which raises straight up on the neck or lapel style collar that folds down on the shirt or dress.

f. Long sleeves, hat and numbers are required at all judged events. Button number may be used during modeling introductions, impromptu question, speech, and personal interview and coronation portions of contest.

g. Any contestant dressed for any Queen function in attire other than what is called for in that specific category, will be penalized five (5) points from each Judge.

### **Scoring:**

a. Judges in all categories will sign score sheet, put in signed and sealed envelope (furnished by Queen Chairperson) and return to Queen Chairperson immediately following each category.

b. During the first portion of the pageant where contestants are doing their self-introductions, contestants must follow instructions given pertaining to the introduction guidelines. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point deduction from their total score.

c. An accountant and the Queen Coordinator shall audit the total scores.

d. All scores shall be signed and posted immediately following the announcement of the Queen.

e. No points toward the All-Around shall be allowed from the Queen Contest.