**Queen, Jr. Queen, & Princess**

Contest Rules

1. Competition is open to all Malakoff, TX girls between the ages of 8-18 who have been Malakoff ISD tax district residents for six months or who are attending a Malakoff ISD School. *In the event of that there are 2 or less entries per division (Queen, Jr. Queen & Princess) we will combine contestants into 1 division to compete in.*
2. Contestants and family must be members of the Malakoff Young Farmers Association. (Applications available) Annual membership is $30.00.
3. Must have a $50.00 entry fee, application, parent release, sponsorship and a 2 5X7 color or black and white picture postmarked by Sept. 7, 2012 . Late entries will be accepted. Late entries will be accepted as long as they are postmarked September 14, 2012 and are accompanied with an additional $25 Late Fee on top of the entry fee.
4. Each girl is asked to sell at least 5 rodeo tickets. 10 extra points will be given to those girls that sell rodeo tickets. Those individuals that do not sell rodeo tickets will still be able to compete in the contest however; they will not receive the 10 extra points.
5. Each girl is required to sell at least one $100 sponsorship. The sponsorship information (business card) must be included with application so that the ad can be added to the program and website.
6. Western attire (hat and boots, etc) is required and expected to be worn at all times during the contest. NO CHAPS OR STAMPEDE STRINGS ARE ALLOWED!!! Points will be deducted.
7. AQHA rules will apply, to understand these rules better please refer to the reining section of the current edition of the AQHA rules and regulations book. It is your responsibility to know and understand these rules. NO stud horses will be allowed, no exceptions.
8. Each contestant must ride the same horse throughout the entire competition. If contestants are found to be in violation of this rule, they will be disqualified and any prizes that would have been won will be forfeited. If a change of horses is need for reasons beyond the contestant’s control, they must first clear the swap with the Rodeo Royalty coordinator. Each contestant shall warm up her own horse; parents, trainers, etc. are not allowed on horses. If a contestant’s horse becomes disorderly, the contestant will be asked to remove their horse from the arena.
9. Reigning title holders cannot compete in the contest until the year following in which their title is relinquished.
10. All title winners are expected to come back the following year to relinquish their titles and make other appearances when asked as Rodeo Queen, Jr. Rodeo Queen or Princess, if not then the title, and awards will be forfeited.
11. All judge’s decisions are final. Your scores will be mailed to you.

**Competition**

**Written Test:**

Each contestant will be given a written test on Equine Knowledge.

**Horsemanship:**

Each girl is also required to perform a horsemanship pattern. Pattern will be available at first horsemanship practice. At the end of the pattern the girls will be asked a few questions. The Queen and Jr. Queen age group will be required to dismount and remount after their pattern is completed. The princess age group will remain on their horses. Horsemanship also includes: Flag Presentation and Presentation Wave.

**Western Attire:**

You are being handed an excellent opportunity to be creative and show us your personal favorite western attire. This will be judged during the horsemanship competition. Choose outfits that make you feel good. *Western hat, belt and boots are required throughout the competition. No stampede strings****.*** Points will be deducted if worn. This contest is NOT about who has the biggest budget for clothes or which girl has been groomed best by a professional pageant coach. Keep in mind, judges are more impressed with “how” you wear your clothing, rather than what you wear. A great smile combined with a confident posture is most impressive. - Leather is not required & additional points will not be added for wearing it.

**Photogenic:**

The judges will decide on this by looking over the photos that are sent in by each contestant. There will be one winner in each age group.

**Congeniality:**

The girls decide this part of the competition. They will vote on the girl in their age group

that they think deserves this award. In case of a tie, they will keep voting until the tie is

broken.

**Point Breakdown:**

Sponsorship: 10%

Written Test: 20%

Horsemanship: 50%

Attire: 20%

Ticket sales: Additional 10 pts.

The congeniality and photogenic contest will NOT be added to the overall total points.

**All Contestants and Winners will be required to attend:**

* Fall Rodeo
* Run for Roses Barrel Racing & Silent Auction
* Spring Rodeo
* Christmas Parade