

Dear Contestants,

Welcome to the 2022 Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Competition! The pageant will be held on **Sunday, June 19th at 2 :00pm** at the Ponca Rodeo Arena in Ponca, Nebraska. Enclosed in this packet are official rules, regulations, and entry & release waiver form. Please complete & return the entry & release forms, and personal questions with an original headshot photograph of yourself (in western attire). The photos will be used for publications in local newspapers, rodeo website, and social media.

ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 1ST - ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETE!!!

*Feel free to email your complete entry to me at glheimes@hartel.net or submit by mail to: Liz Heimes, 88675 567 Ave, Hartington, NE 68739

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!
PAGEANT FORMAT HAS CHANGED!!!!

Entry Fees:

Miss Contestant: \$20.00

Lil' Miss Contestant: \$10.00

The pageant includes five categories that you will be judged in: Public Speaking/Appearance, Personality Interview, Horsemanship, Borrowed Horsemanship, and Cattle Work.

*Please see category summary in this packet to know how each event will be judged during competition.

When you arrive at the arena for the competition, please come to the entry office to check in & draw for your order.

The 2022 Queen & Princess will be crowned directly following the competition and tabulation of scores. There will be awards for all contestants, and titles for Queen/Princess, 1st runner up, and 2nd runner up. Also, a new award title in 2017, Miss Congeniality/Friendship Award to be chosen by the contestants themselves!

If there are any questions please feel free to reach out!

Call or Text Liz at (402) 841-0886

MISS DAYS OF '56
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

PARENTS: _____

AGE/BIRTHDAY: _____

SCHOOL/GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: _____

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS TITLES: _____

HORSE INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

GENDER: _____

AGE: _____

BREED: _____

COLOR: _____

*(Return this form)
PERSONAL QUESTIONS:

Why do you want to become the next Miss Days of '56?

What is your most important job as a rodeo queen?

What are your strengths & weaknesses?

(Return this form)

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

CONTESTANT NAME(please print) _____

A) I hereby enter the Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant and agree to

abide by all the official rules and regulations

B) I understand that there are risks competing in the pageant, and participating in any and all of the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo activities in Ponca, Nebraska.

C) I, my heirs, legatees, and personal representatives hereby release the Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant, Ponca Rodeo Association, and the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo, directors, members, and volunteers from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort for injury or death sustained to my person or damage of loss to my property resulting from my participation in any part of the Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant or pageant events at the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY
I hereby certify that I give my permission and consent to participate in the activities of the 2022 Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant. I also certify that my participation is voluntary.

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE (*if under age 18*) _____

DATE: _____

MISS DAYS OF '56
OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

THE PURPOSE:

The reason for the Miss Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Pageant is to select the best candidate to represent, and promote the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo in Ponca, Nebraska. The goal of the Ponca Rodeo Association is to have a Rodeo Queen that will graciously represent our rodeo by attending events throughout the area, and speaking to the public about all of our activities that take place throughout the year.

RULES & GUIDELINES:

- ◆ Miss Contestants must be female (and have always been female) and between the ages of 14-25
- ◆ Have never been married, nor pregnant - and must remain unmarried the entire year of their reign as queen (boyfriends are asked to keep a low profile please!)
- ◆ Must be enrolled in school, completed High School, or continuing college education at the time of competition & during reign as title holder
- ◆ No use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, offensive language & inappropriate behavior while representing the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo - remember, Rodeo Queens are ladies! If any legalities concerning a MIP, DUI, etc. take place while holding the title, actions may be taken to remove title, and award to 1st runner up.
- ◆ May not hold any other title while reigning as the Miss Days of '56 - if wishing to compete for another title before reign is final, please contact the Queen Director first.
- ◆ Must attend several events chosen by the Ponca Rodeo Association, and also other events of your personal choice. All appearances must be approved with the Director. Scheduling is very flexible, but must be approved first.
- ◆ Must be able to travel to Ponca, NE frequently for local appearances within the surrounding area! Must be within 100 mile radius of Ponca, NE - when we require you at a local appearance, we need you to be able to attend!
- ◆ Must be able to attend both rodeo performances, slack, and the rodeo parade as scheduled for the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo weekend.

REGULATIONS:

HORSES: Any breed, color, gender, or age of horse may be used in competition. Each contestant must use the same horse in competition that they will ride during the Ponca Rodeo, and majority of their reign as Queen; unless the original horse gets injured, sick, etc. *Queen may use alternate horse for slack/parade.

Each contestant must use a different horse!

* If studs are used, they must be very well behaved, or they will be removed!

TACK: Contestants may use any type of bit, saddle, or any other tack as long as it is of western style - no English tack/saddles please! Tie-downs are allowed, as well as protective boots, and either roping or split reins.

Chaps are not allowed during competition.

***If you have any questions please contact the Director!**

JUDGED CATEGORIES:

PUBLIC SPEAKING/APPEARANCE:

All contestants are asked to pick a fun western outfit that you create/personalize to go along with their own unique style. This is your chance to design & accessorize your outfit with your own style & flare! Feel free to add scarves, belts, boots, longer western skirts, unique western hats, jewelry or color any way you can! It's your time to express yourself!

The Director will ask you questions about yourself, and some aspects of rodeo! There are no right or wrong answers, just your personal opinions!

This category is not judged on beauty, or expensive clothing, but on how you present yourself to the public, and how you represent your own personal style, and character. Here are some areas that will be taken into consideration when being judged:

- Hats should be of western style, nicely shaped, clean & fit well!
- Hair should be clean, styled, and well groomed!
- Makeup should be kept natural looking, and used to accent features!
- Clothes should be of western style, fit well (size, length, and appropriate for age), be clean, pressed & starched if needed!
- Boots are to be clean, and polished!
- Have nice posture & poise! Smile, Smile, Smile! Have fun!

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS:

The judge panel for this category will consist of rodeo committee representatives. This interview will consist of a broad spectrum of questions including PRCA Rodeo knowledge, Ponca Rodeo Events & History, and personal questions. No study guides will be given. Some tips for studying would be educating yourself with the PRCA, the Days of '56 website, and what is currently happening in the world around us.

Judges are looking at your intelligence, and your ability to have a conversation about a variety of topics. Watch your use of grammar and enunciation of speech. Judges will be looking at your sense of humor, personal character, and your interest and consideration of others, along with your outlook on life. They will also be watching to see how you project this from a variety of areas, and looking at how you handle yourself in different situations. .

HORSEMANSHIP:

This category is judged upon how well you handle your horse throughout the pattern, queen's run, carrying flags, sorting cattle, and also equine knowledge. Be prepared to enter the arena, and dismount for a brief interview with the horsemanship judges before you begin your pattern. Judges will look at your ability to sit the horse, hand & body position, delivery of cues. They will also evaluate how you handle yourself and your horse should an unexpected situation arise. Faults in this category include, but are not limited to losing your hat, losing stirrups or reins, dropping flag, bucking, touching the saddle with hands during ride, excessively using both hands on reins, or constantly switching hands. There will be 2 portions of horsemanship competition. The same pattern is used throughout the entire contest. Also, if crowned Queen, you must ride the same horse used in the queen competition as you will use during both performances of the Ponca Rodeo, and predominately throughout your reign, unless the original mount becomes injured or sick, etc. Questions, please ask the director!

BORROWED HORSEMANSHIP:

Same rules apply as in basic horsemanship, only in this category you will be asked to switch horses with the other contestants. Draw will determine who rides what horse. Please only enter horses that are well broke, and respectable! Same saddle & tack must be used on each horse for both rounds of horsemanship. Stirrup length is the only thing that can be adjusted by rider. This category is used to show judges your versatility when it comes to riding unfamiliar horses. As queen, you may be asked to ride stock contractor horses for grand entries while visiting other rodeos. This helps judges determine who will be best at handling these types of situations.

CATTLE WORK:

You will be asked either to sort off a steer from a small herd, and / or track a steer from the roping box, chase it down the arena, and place it into a pen, or the center of arena. Your run will be timed. The judges will be looking for how well your horse works cattle, your control of your horse, and if

the steer is reacting to your efforts. This category is very important since if you are chosen as Queen, you will be moving cattle, and helping clear the arena during both rodeo performances, during slack, and at several visiting rodeos!

EXPECTATIONS:

All contestants are asked to follow these simple rules of conduct. If these rules are broken - the contestant will be disqualified from the competition by the Queen Director and Ponca Rodeo Association.

* Please be respectful to everyone - Negative attitudes, comments, gestures, or behavior will NOT be tolerated!

* Please be on time! Tardiness is very irresponsible. Please be ready to compete before the Queen Director starts orientation! In case of emergency, contact Director ASAP!

* Have Fun & Smile! Please enjoy this event & learn from the experience! We want this to be an exciting & fulfilling time for everyone involved!

* No matter what... if your hat comes off in the arena, your head had better be in it. Do whatever it takes to secure your hat to your head for any arena appearance you make!

* If there are any discrepancies with the guidelines, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association rulebook will be used as a higher reference.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time & consideration. I truly appreciate everyone's cooperation. I also want to say to the contestants, that if at first you don't succeed... try, try again! Holding the title of Miss Days of '56 is an entire year commitment, and a great young lady has to hold this title every year, so if you don't get crowned, come back more experienced & more prepared for the next year! Determination is an excellent quality to possess! Good Luck!

*** If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me, please call or text me as soon as possible!**

Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo Queen Director

Liz Heimes

Cell: (402) 841-0886

Contestant FYI:

We expect our Rodeo Queen to be very knowledgeable overall about what our event is all about, so contestants will be asked many questions about several topics including Ponca Rodeo History, Ponca Rodeo Association History, and what special attractions are found at our rodeo throughout the weekend, and may also be asked about current PRCA news, PRCA standings, and other current rodeo event questions. These questions will account for a large part of your personal interview score. It is also very helpful to our contestants if they have been to our rodeo, since we offer some exciting entertainment that is not found at any other PRCA rodeos in Nebraska! For further information on these topics, you may find it helpful to study information on the following websites:

www.daysof56rodeo.com and www.prorodeo.com

Also be sure to follow the Days of '56 & Miss Days of '56 pages on Facebook!

Please feel free to contact the Director with any questions!

Thank you!

**OFFICIAL
2022 MISS DAYS OF '56
PRCA RODEO QUEEN CONTRACT**

I,(please print name) _____, solemnly swear to represent the Days of '56 PRCA Rodeo in Ponca, Nebraska to the best of my ability, following all of the stated rules within the entry packet. I promise to attend as many events possible throughout my reign as Miss Days of '56. The traveling chaps will be returned in excellent condition to be passed down to the following Queen after my title is completed. If major damage occurs to the chaps, it is the Queen's responsibility to replace the chaps for their total cost of \$1400. The trophy saddle will be kept in Queen's possession for at least the year of reign as Queen. If I would fail to abide by any of the written rules, I will forfeit my title to the elected 1st runner up, included with all of the prizes, awards, and monies earned. If prizes and money are not returned, I am liable to pay their cost in full back to the Ponca Rodeo Association.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
(if under age 18)

Date: _____

*(*Only complete contract when officially crowned as Queen)*