



MISS RODEO SANDHILLS PRINCESS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The contest is open to young ladies ages 9 to 13 (age calculated as of 11/1/2024)
2. Contest is open statewide – you **MUST** be a resident of Texas for at least six months prior to the contest.
3. All contestants will be responsible for a **\$125** entry fee. Fees can be paid via the following:
 - Venmo: @Angelia-Bryant
 - Credit / Debit Card: call (432) 366-3951
 - Check: mail to 218 W 46th Street, Odessa, TX, 79764
4. All contestants will be required to sell a minimum of \$750 worth of program ads. The program is sold during all rodeo performances as well as the Stock Show, Horse Show, and Roping Events. There will be a prize awarded to the contestant that sells the highest dollar amount of ads. However, this will not affect the contestants scores throughout the duration of the contest. Program ad information and payments will be due no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 1, 2024. Submit all documents to missrodeosandhills@gmail.com
5. All winners will be responsible for their own transportation at all times during the rodeo.
6. All winners are expected to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas contest in San Antonio, Texas. If for any reason the organization does not feel you are adequately prepared, you can be denied the privilege to compete at Miss Rodeo Texas under the title of Miss Rodeo SandHills Princess.

7. All contestants are required to submit one 5x7 **BUST SHOT** (bust shot means head and shoulders) color photograph with a solid background in “dress” rodeo attire. (NO PROPS, CROWNS, OR BANNERS ALLOWED) A release form from your photographer is required to be emailed along with your application. Any photographs received that do not meet the above specifications will be excluded from the Photogenic judging category. The release allows SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo to reproduce all photographs for their use for print and social media needs. A physical copy of the photograph will also need to be brought to orientation on November 1, 2024. On the back of the photo, please label with your name, address, age, and division. Example:

Name	Princess
Age	
Address	

8. All contestants will compete in each event dressed in full rodeo attire. You will need to be in proper dress during horsemanship at the contest, even though you will not be competing in the horsemanship competition. Please see the Miss Rodeo SandHills Wardrobe Requirements Document.

9. All entry applications must be **typed and emailed** by midnight, October 18, 2024 to missrodeosandhills@gmail.com. Late entries will not be accepted. Please bring to orientation the original signed & notarized Release of Liability, physical 5x7 photo, and a USB with your horsemanship video. Please see the Miss Rodeo SandHills submission checklist to be sure that you have included everything.

10. Any unsportsmanlike or dishonest conduct by a contestant or relatives will result in immediate disqualification from the contest.

11. Some expense will be required to furnish clothing for required appearances and competition at Miss Rodeo Texas if you are to win the title. Some clothing can be borrowed, but you will need to purchase most of your wardrobe.

12. Judged categories include:

- A. **Horsemanship:** Horsemanship competition will be done by submitting a video that is no longer than 3 ½ minutes and must accompany your application submission via email. Please also bring a backup USB with the video to orientation on November 1, 2024 in case of technical difficulties. The video should include the contestant standing on the ground holding her horse while she introduces herself, the pattern, and a presentation run. You do not have to tape the contestant getting on the horse. You may tape as many times as needed to get the pattern perfect, and it is suggested that the pattern be filmed on the outside rail at the midway point of the arena where judges normally sit/stand. Princess contestants will still be required to attend the horsemanship competition on November 1, 2024 at the Ector County Coliseum Outback Arena to support the Miss and Teen contestants as they compete. This will also prepare them for what will be expected of them in later years. Princess contestants will also answer horsemanship questions during this time. Competition will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please be there at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Speech:** Princess contestants will give a one-minute speech about “TEXAS”.
- C. **Modeling:** Princess contestants will be required to model one outfit. It will be the outfit worn for your speech. The same outfit will be worn for coronation. Please see the Miss Rodeo SandHills Wardrobe Requirements Document.
- D. **Personality:** This will be a cumulative score determined throughout the contest by the judges.
- E. **Appearance:** This will be a cumulative score determined throughout the contest by the judges.
- F. **Interview:** Judges will interview each contestant for up to 10 minutes. Questions may include but are not limited to personal goals, opinions, horsemanship, etc.
- G. **Impromptu Questions:** Each contestant will be asked two impromptu questions. One will be serious, and one will be fun.

H. **Photogenic:** This will be judged in part by your compliance with the rules set forth in #7 listed above. A reproduction release from your photographer is required when you turn in your application.

I. **Congeniality:** This will be voted on by each contestant in your age division. Each girl will choose one other contestant that they feel deserves the award.

J. **Test:** There will be a test given at orientation.

13. It would be to your benefit to keep a copy of these rules for reference. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact Angie Bryant at (432) 238-5707, or email Maddison Smith at missrodeosandhills@gmail.com.

PLEASE SIGN IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING AND RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE THE DEALINE OF OCTOBER 18, 2024.

Email to missrodeosandhills@gmail.com

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Release of Liability

I, the undersigned, being a non-paid contestant, applicant, and participating in the Miss Rodeo Sandhills, Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen or Miss Rodeo Sandhills Princess Pageant, which is sponsored by the SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo and recognizing that said sponsor is a non-profit organization; and recognizing the non-profit nature of the Pageant, and as an express consideration for being allowed to enter the contest, hereby release said SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo from any and all claims or demands for liability for accidents or any other liabilities and makes said agreement for herself, her heirs, and executors, and states that she is of lawful age and legally entitled to make this complete release or if she is a teen or princess contestant, one parent is to sign the release.

All activities associated with the Miss Rodeo Sandhills, Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen or Miss Rodeo Sandhills Princess Pageant officially end on the final day of the pageant and after that time, SandHills Stocks Show & Rodeo, or any of their representatives, shall have no responsibility, whatsoever, in directing or overseeing any of the activities or affairs of any of the contestants.

Contestant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public, with and for the County of _____ . This the _____ day of 2024

Signature of Notary: _____

My term expires: _____

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Miss Rodeo Sandhills Photo Release and Social Media Policy Form

The Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, Miss Rodeo Sandhills occasionally uses photographs of contestants, title holders, committee members, and events in its publications and on its website and Facebook page. Please sign this release form to grant the library permission to use your and/or your child's photo.

I hereby grant permission to the Miss Rodeo Sandhills committee to use my photograph on its website, Facebook page, or in other official printed publications without further consideration, and I acknowledge the committee's right to crop or treat the photograph at its discretion. I also acknowledge that the committee may choose not to use my photo at this time but may do so at its own discretion later. The committee reserves the right to discontinue use of photos without notice.

I also understand that once my image is posted on the Miss Rodeo Sandhills website or Facebook page, the image can be downloaded. I release the Miss Rodeo Sandhills committee from any expectation of confidentiality and agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following:

- Miss Rodeo Sandhills committee
- Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo

I also understand that only photos, information, and comments that promote the Miss Rodeo Sandhills pageant will be posted to the Miss Rodeo Sandhills Facebook page. I understand that negative comments/criticism, profane language, or photos that are not in keeping with the standards of court members representing the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo are not acceptable and will be deleted.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

For persons under the age of 18, the permission of a parent or guardian is required on this Photo Release Form.

I hereby grant permission to the Miss Rodeo Sandhills committee to use the photograph of my child as outlined above.

NAME OF CHILD UNDER 18: _____

Please identify by first name only
 Please do not identify by name

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____