

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
2017 RODEO QUEEN CONTEST
GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & POLICY

Deadline: January 22, 2017 No late entries will be accepted!

1. Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association may be referred to as MCFLA throughout the following rules and policies.
2. All Contestants must be a citizen of the United States. All contestants must be a current resident of Matagorda County or enrolled in high school courses at a home school, private school, or public school for the current year in Matagorda County.
3. Former Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Rodeo Queens are ineligible to compete in the Rodeo Queen contest, but former contestants are eligible to compete in the contest. A contestant may not enter both the Fair Queen and Rodeo Queen Contest in the same year.
4. All contestants must be current and active members of 4-H, FFA, or FHA, and eligible under UIL Rules.
5. Applicant **Must** include a negative Coggins certificate for the horse that is to be used in the contestant with their application. The contestant must ride the horse listed on the application and that horse must have negative Coggins papers. "If" the horse listed on the original application becomes lame, that horse may be exchanged only if Bay City Vet or Palacios Veterinary Clinic has provided us with proof that the horse listed on the original paperwork is not able to be ridden. The contestant may change horses after providing the committee with the vet paperwork and new negative Coggins paperwork for the new horse to be used.
6. All contestants must be a single female, never have been married, never had a marriage annulled, never have given birth and never have been convicted of a felony prior to the contest. The contestant must be in good moral character and never have been convicted of any crime, with the exception of Class C Traffic offense. If the contestant violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified from this contest. These rules will remain intact throughout the reign of the Rodeo Queen and her runners-up. If any of these infractions occur then the crown and any awards will be forfeited.
7. Contestants are to be in good health. Good health is defined as adequate to fulfill duties of the Queen if selected. Each contestant will not hold the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, County of Matagorda, or any individual or organization associated with the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association liable for any accident or injury that may or might occur as a result of the contest or future obligations. Release form must be signed and submitted with entry forms.
8. Each contestant must have a sponsor(s), and each sponsor fee will be \$50.00, payable to the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, and due with the entry form on January 22, 2017.
9. Rodeo Queen Contestants are required to write a **short autobiography** to turn in with the entry forms. Do not use your last name or your family's names. It may be typed or handwritten and must be no more than one page in length. If typed, the print must be no smaller than 12 point. It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one inch margins all around. The paper should contain information about you that you think best describes your character, why you want to be (or would be a good) Rodeo Queen and what your plans are for college and/or your future may be.

10. Rodeo Queen Contestants are required to turn in an additional **95 word arena introduction** that will be used by the EMCEE during the arena presentation. Anything that exceeds 95 words will be at the discretion of the royalty committee to remove words. Please use 3rd person narration. The contestant's name, horse, sponsor, parents, grade, school, fair and rodeo participation must be included. Additional information can include, but is not limited to, extracurricular activities, clubs, hobbies, awards, and future plans. **This will not be scored by the judges.**
11. There will be a **MANDATORY meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm.** in the Multi-Purpose Bldg. **No late or incomplete application forms will be accepted.** Come with completed application and entry fees. At this time, **ALL** publicity photos will be taken with no exceptions. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and discuss the rules.
12. **All Rodeo Queen Contestants are required to attend a MANDATORY Practice, Sunday, January 22, 2017 immediately following the Royalty meeting. In addition to this practice, the arena will be available for you to practice in on Tuesday January 31st and February 7th, 2017 in the indoor arena from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. These dates are offered to the contestants only and are optional. NO FITTERS OR TRAINERS ARE TO BE AT ANY OF THE ABOVE PRACTICES. NO FITTERS OR TRAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA AREA OR WITHIN THREE FEET OF THE ARENA RAILING. Parents are allowed to assist their daughters at these practices. Parents are not allowed in the arena area unless authorized by MCFLA Royalty Committee Chairman.**
13. Rodeo Queen and her runner(s)-up must attend any function that is required by the Queen's Committee. Participation will be kept on a score sheet. (Awards, Parades, etc.)
14. All Rodeo Queen Contestants will be required to sell at least 10 concert tickets @ \$20.00 each. All monies (\$200 per contestant) are due in the fair Office by **NOON, Monday, February 13, 2017** or that contestant will not be allowed to participate in the contest (or omitted from the contest).
15. Eligibility Master Listing will be used this year at the Fair for UIL requirements. We advise that you contact your school, public or private, to ensure you have been placed on the eligible or the ineligible list. Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association will not be responsible to advise anyone of their eligibility in advance of any contest. Home School and Private School students will still need to furnish an eligibility form to the Fair Office by **12:00 NOON, Friday, February 3, 2017** in order to participate in this contest.
16. Interviews, Riding and Judging will be on **Saturday, February 18, 2017** at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds beginning with interviews **at 9 a.m.** All contestants will be asked to stay until the awards ceremony is complete. Judges will not be related to any contestants and will be from out of the county.
17. Scoring will be as follows:

Private Interview	Points	Riding Competition	Points
Application/Entry	5	<i>Horsemanship Pattern</i>	
Interview	15	Lead Changes	10
Personal Appearance	5	Rider Posture	20
Fair Involvement	10	Hand Position	10
Community Involvement	10	Stop/Pivots	5
School Involvement	5	Question	15
	---	<i>Flag Pattern</i>	
	---	Flag Control	15
	---	Rider-Balance	20
	---	Rider Posture	5
Total Points Available	50	Total Points Available	100

18. A Rodeo Queen and runner(s)-up will be announced immediately following the contest. Parents & friends will be allowed to take pictures of contestants **after** the Fair Photographer gets his/her pictures.
19. The Rodeo Queen is required to wear her crown on a **cowboy hat**.
20. Queens shall not use foul language or have involvement in any illegal or illicit activities while serving.
21. The Fair Board and Manager have a **zero tolerance policy** in regards to drinking alcohol, MIP (minor in possession), smoking cigarettes, or any other drug abuse. If this rule is violated, it will result in immediate dismissal.
22. No financial reimbursement for transportation, expenses, etc. will be provided by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
23. The Rodeo Queen will be presented each night of the rodeo along with the Fair Queen, Fair Princess, Little Miss Cowgirl and Little Mister Cowboy. Runner(s) up will alternate carrying flags during the rodeo. The Queen will carry flags every night.
24. Rodeo Queen and the runner(s) up must attend any function that is required by the Queen's Committee. They are expected to participate in the parade, the Matagorda County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo, and Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 4, 2017. You will receive an itinerary, with the events and times of all the events that you will be assisting in, from the Royalty Chairman. Participation will be kept on a score sheet.
25. The contestant that is crowned Rodeo Queen of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association must be available to attend any public event or function as a representative of the Association during the year of her reign. In addition, she must crown the next year's Rodeo Queen. The Rodeo Queen and the Fair Queen will be co-chairpersons responsible for the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association float that may be entered in various parades. They must be available to decorate and ride on the float in any parades represented by Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association. The Rodeo Queen will be sponsored in the Rice Festival Pageant, if she meets the requirements set by the Lions Club.
26. In the event the MCFLA pays any entry fee or expense money for a contestant that does not complete the contest, the contestant will be asked to reimburse the MCFLA for those expenses.
27. The queen will receive \$500.00 (all MCFLA rules apply). This check will be made available to her on the crowning of the 2018 Rodeo Queen.
28. All contestants must allow the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association Committee to use photographs and important information submitted in the contest in news stories in advance of the contest finals. Pictures may be altered for reproduction purposes only.
29. If the Rodeo Queen is unable to fulfill her duties, due to circumstances found to be objectionable by the Board of Directors of the Fair Association, she will forfeit the crown and all awards. The 1st runner up will finish her reign and receive her \$500.00 award check.
30. MCFLA Protest Procedures - All protests concerning Matagorda County Fair Entries must be submitted prior to judging and be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned ONLY if the protest is upheld. **Once judging has commenced NO protests will be accepted. The Judges decision is final and not subject for protest.** Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. The protest will be reviewed by at least (5) members of the Fair Board. The ruling of the Fair Board Directors will be final. Both sides of the protest must be present at the time of the protest. There will be no anonymous protests accepted. Every exhibitor, in consideration of her entry being accepted by the

Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, agrees that the conclusion reached by the Fair Board Directors shall be final, without any recourse against the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association, Board of Directors, Division Chairman, Superintendent, or Committeemen.

31. No scores will be released to any competitor. This is a board decision and is final.
32. ***Remember, you are a Fair and Rodeo Representative.*** You will be looked upon as a role model and an example to others. While the Fair Manager and Royalty Director have no right to ask you to give up any personal activities, they have every right to expect you to behave in a manner befitting your position. The Fair Board and Manager also have every right to remove a Queen if they feel she has shown misconduct.

REMINDER: UIL REQUIREMENTS APPLY!

You must be on your school's eligibility list (or have completed and turned in a home school/private school eligibility form to the Fair Office by noon on Friday, February 3, 2017 to be eligible to participate in the contest.

DO NOT STAPLE!
 Date/ Time Rec'd: _____
 Contestant Number: _____

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
 2017 RODEO QUEEN
 CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM**

Check if completed:
 Photo
 Neg.Coggins Papers

Entry fee: \$50

Deadline: 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the Fairgrounds Multi-purpose building. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Entry Fee Sponsored by: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Description of Horse (color, etc) _____

4-H, FFA or FHA Club Name: _____

Leader's Name: _____ Leader's Phone#: _____

Parent's or Guardian's Name: **(Please list as you would like printed in programs and papers)**

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Contestant, parents/guardian hereby agrees that if selected as Rodeo Queen, she will cooperate to the best of her ability in all publicity decided upon by the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association. It is further agreed the contestant will have the full consent of her parents or legal guardians to enter the contest. An advertising release from the parents or guardians giving full consent to use photographs for advertising and publicity is given herewith.

Signature of contestant _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

NOTE: All forms must:

- Have all information completed or application will not be accepted.
- All entry forms must be completed and turned in by **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** in the multi-purpose bldg. No late entries will be accepted.
- All Rodeo Queen Contestants are required to attend a **mandatory** Practice, Sunday, January 22, 2017 following mandatory meeting in the Indoor Arena at the Fairgrounds.
- All Rodeo Queen Contestants will be required to sell 10 concert tickets @ \$20.00 each. All monies (\$200 per contestant) are due in the fair Office by 12:00 pm, NOON, **Monday, February 13, 2017** or that contestant will not be allowed to participate in the contest (or omitted from the contest).
- Interviews by judges will be **Saturday, February 18, 2017** at 9:00 am at the Matagorda County Fairgrounds. The Riding competition will be held on **Saturday, February 18, 2017 following the interviews** at Rodeo Grounds inside arena. Have your horse saddled & ready to ride.
- Parents & friends may attend the Awards Presentation, **Saturday, February 18, 2017** in the Indoor Arena following the

interviews. Time to be announced.

- Home School and Private School students will need to furnish an eligibility form to the Fair Office by **12:00 NOON, Friday, February 3, 2017.**
- For more information call the Fair Office at (979) 245-2454.

2017 RODEO QUEEN BIO SHEET

CONTESTANT NUMBER: _____ (will be assigned)

FIRST NAME ONLY: _____ **AGE** _____

Using this page only, list the following:

HOBBIES:

FAIR PARTICIPATION:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:

Autobiography

On another sheet of paper, write a short autobiography about yourself and attach it behind this page. Do not use your last name or your family's names. It may be typed or handwritten and must be no more than one page in length. If typed, the print must be no smaller than the print in this paragraph (12 pts.). It should have at least 1 ½ spaces between the lines with one inch margins all around. Your paper should contain information about you that you think best describes your character, why you want to be (or would be a good) Rodeo Queen and, what your plans are for college and/or your future may be.

Arena Introduction – Maximum of 95 word autobiography

***If 95 words are exceeded, it is at our discretion to remove words. Please write below or include an additional page labeled arena introduction. The contestant's name, horse, sponsor, parents, grade, school, fair and rodeo participation must be included.**

Fair Event Participation Record - Rodeo Queen

Please indicate which fair activities, listed below, you have participated in, and what years you participated.

EVENT NAME	Year 2013-2014	Year 2014-2015	Year 2015-2016	Year 2016-2017
Contest and Show Participation				
Fair Queen Contestant				
Rodeo Queen Contestant				
Home Economics Food Show Participant				
Home Economics Craft Show Participant				
Academic Rodeo Team Member				
Public Speaking Contestant				
Junior Livestock Show – Meat Pen Rabbits Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Poultry Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Swine Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Goat Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Lamb Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Steer Exhibitor				
Junior Livestock Show – Commercial Heifers Exhibitor				
Agricultural Mechanics Show Team Member				
Tractor Restoration Team Member				
Talent Show Participant				
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant for the Fair and Rodeo				
Jr. Wild Steer Saddling Participant for the Bull Blast				
Participated in the Ladies Local Barrel Racing Event				
Participated in the local Team Roping Event				
Junior Fair Board Member				
Team Penning Participant				
Horse Judging Team Member / Participant				
Livestock Judging Team Member / Participant				
Bull Blast Participation and Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP Dinner at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with the VIP Section during the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA in the Fair Office at the Bull Blast				
Help MCFLA with Clean-up after Bull Blast on Sunday				
Help MCFLA hand out programs at the Bull Blast				
Fair Volunteerism				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Auction				
Help MCFLA with the Livestock Auction				
Help MCFLA in the Office				
Help MCFLA with the Fair Float				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Craft Show				
Help MCFLA with the Home Economics Food Show				
Help MCFLA with the Gala & Appreciation Dinner				
Help MCFLA with the Talent Show				
Help MCFLA with the Royalty Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Public Speaking Contest				
Help MCFLA with the Mutton Bustin' for the MCFLA				
Help MCFLA with Horse and/or Livestock Judging				
Help MCFLA with the Bucket Calf Show				
Help MCFLA set up the livestock pens				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production Programs/Day Sheets				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production - Untying Calves, etc...				
Help MCFLA with the Rodeo Production – Back Help				
Help MCFLA with the Senior Citizens Day				
Help MCFLA with Exceptional Day				
Help MCFLA with Photographer				

* Working with the concession stand is not a MCFLA sponsored event. The concessions stands are run by 4H & FFA clubs.

MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, _____, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the Royalty Contests of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same.

Contestant's Signature

Date

Contestant's Phone No.

Parent's Signature (If /Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

Date

Witness' Signature

Date

Please Note: NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE and or COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.

I have read the General Qualifications and Policy and understand the contents, and have acknowledged such by signing my name below this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Applicant Printed Name: _____

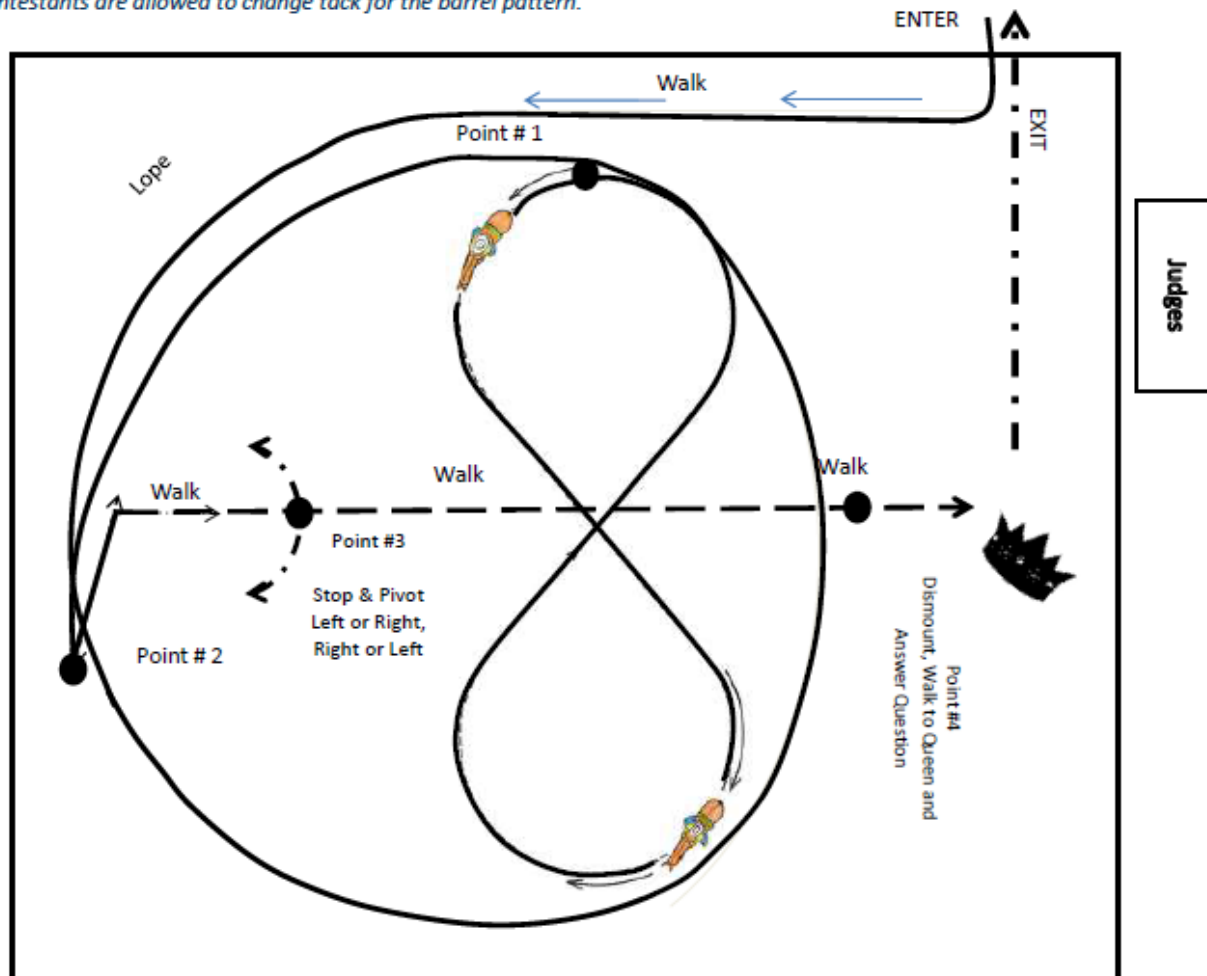
Applicant Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Under 18: _____

MCFLA Rodeo Queen Horsemanship Pattern

Enter the Arena at a walk to approximately point #1. After Point #1, increase your speed through the Horsemanship pattern to a fast canter/lope. As you exit your figure eight pattern stop at position #2, back your horse and turn, face judges. Walk to Point #3, stop and pivot to the left and right, settle, walk forward to Point #4, stop and dismount your horse. Walk to your outgoing Queen, select a question from bucket, read the question to yourself and hand it back to the Queen. She will ask you the question out loud; this question will only be repeated once. When answering your question, turn to both the audience and the judges. After you answer the question, mount your horse and exit the arena.

Contestants will not be allowed to share the same horse or change horses nor will contestants be allowed to practice on the day of the Judging. There will be an allotted time for contestants to warm up their horses on competition day. Contestants are allowed to change tack for the barrel pattern.



MCFLA Rodeo Queen Flag Pattern

Ride Pattern As Follows holding a Flag:

- A. Walk in the alley way and turn right as you enter the arena continue on to the middle of Chute # 3 and Chute # 4.
- B. Turn left at Chute # 3 and Chute # 4 and continue walking until you reach the center of the arena.
- C. Stop and wait for the judge to signal you.
- D. Upon receiving a signal from the Judge, lope to the right continue in a lope to the left and lope a circle around the entire arena.
- E. Once you have made a complete circle come back to the center of the arena, facing south and Stop.
- F. Stand still until the Judge signals you.
- G. Upon being signaled, walk straight to the fence, turn left and walk out of the arena

