

Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo Royalty

Contest Rules and Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo Queen and Princess contest. Our goal is to promote a positive experience through sportsmanship, friendship, leadership and horsemanship with all contestants and their families. Queening can be such a powering experience that can ensure quality benefits and lifelong friendships that will follow one throughout their entire life.

By participating in the MCFR contest all participants agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines of this contest. For each category there will be one title awarded. Categories are as follows:

Queen (16-22) Princess (12-15)

- All ages are determined by January 1st of the contest year.
 - All titles awarded will be expected to represent at all future required specified events requested by coordinators and MCFR Board.
 - Entry fees will be a non-refundable fee of \$50.00
 - In the event that entry fees are not paid at the time of the contest, no contestant will be allowed to compete until all fees and/or donations are submitted.
- 2. AT NO TIME DURING THE PRACTICES, THE CONTEST, FAIR WEEK OR ANY OF THE RODEOS MAY CONTESTANT, ANY FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS GO TO ANY FAIR BOARD MEMBER WITH AN ISSUE OR COMPLAINT!** There will be a chain of command that needs to be followed during and after the contest. This includes fair week.
- If you have any issues during practices, the contest or during the entire week of fair you will need to contact one of the queen coordinators Dixie 208-431-9910 or Whitney 208-308-4863.
 - They will handle the matter the best way possible. If they cannot solve the issue, they will take the issue to their fair board representative, Dianna Wheeler, for discussion on whether the issue needs the fair board's decision.
 - If coordinators and fair board representative cannot resolve issue you will be notified.
 - If issue is not resolved at that point you will need to write a formal complaint with in twenty-four hours to the fair board.
 - The complaint needs to be turned in to the fair board secretary along with a \$200 complaint fee. The complaint will be put on the agenda for the first regular fair board meeting after fair.
 - Should the fair board deem such complaint as valid, such fee shall be reimbursed. If the fair board deems the complaint invalid, the fee is forfeited to the queen account.
 - If chain of command is not followed, the contestant will be dismissed from the contest without entry fee being reimbursed.
 - All judges/fair board decisions are final as of coronation and crowned winners will remain as such.

3. Each Queen and Princess contestant will be required to participate in:
 - Speech and Modeling, Personal Interviews and Horsemanship.
 - Each contestant will be required to share knowledge of rodeo, current events, personality, and horsemanship.
 - Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo activities as requested by coordinators and/or MCFR Board
 - There will NOT be a test for this contest; however, it is at the judge's discretion if they would like to quiz a contestant on knowledge in any area of their choosing. All contestants in their age division will be asked the question(s).
4. All contestants will dress as required by MCFR attire guidelines. Any questions please ask coordinators:
 - Public appearances of contestants will be required to wear appropriate full western attire at all times. Western jeans, blouse, hat, boots, belt and assigned number.
 - Contestants participating in the events of the fair will be excused from full dress only to participate in specific events such as: fat stock shows, food booth, feeding/caring for animals, etc.
5. Each contestant's family members and friends agree to the following:
 - Maintain a positive and respectful manner throughout the duration of the contest. This includes any practices, during contest, before and after coronation.
 - Will refrain from expressing their opinion in public, which also includes any social network or news media.
 - Act in a hurtful manner towards any other contestant or their family, coordinator(s) or MCFR Board member(s).
6. All contestants and royalty will be expected to participate when and where assigned unless prior arrangements have been made with the coordinators. This includes any request of the MCFR Board. List will be provided, but subject to change as needed by coordinators.
7. During the MCFR contest warm up time, horsemanship and speech and modeling, parents, family, and friends will not be allowed to make negative comments to coordinators and/or judges. Please understand we are volunteers and put many hours into making the contest nice for all the contestants.
 - If negative remarks are made to coordinators or judges, points may be deducted from score sheet at the judge(s) discretion.
 - Judges' decisions are final as soon as score sheets are turned in to coordinators.
8. Any contestant having been/or is pregnant or who is living with a significant other and/or domestic partner will not be allowed to participate in the MCFR contest.

- 9.** Each contestant must submit a 5X7 portrait in western attire with their packet the day of the contestant meeting. Portraits may be used in the program, newspaper and as needed.
- 10.** No contestant can hold any other title unless such title will be relinquished within 1 months' time of MCFR coronation. Exception would be that of an Idaho State Title
 - The exception to this rule would be that of a High School Rodeo District Queen title. However, the MCFR title shall supersede all High School Rodeo titles. Miss Idaho High School Rodeo at which time MCFR title would be forfeited and would go to the 1st runner up.
- 11.** In the event, that any title holder can no longer represent MCFR as required, such title and all gifts shall be relinquished to the 1st runner up or next available candidate.
- 12.** The MCFR Board reserves the right to refuse any candidate from competing in the MCFR Royalty contest for any reason.
- 13.** Each contestant and/or royalty will maintain a manner that promotes oneself as a positive role model for the MCFR. All contestants shall remember that they are held to a higher standard. This will include the eyes of the public, as well as respect oneself and other people. As well as all functions of MCFR, social functions, social networks and other fairs and rodeos.
- 14.** The presence of silent judges will be at the discretion of the MCFR coordinators.
- 15.** Queen and Princess Contestants may be requested to carry a flag at the MCFR rodeos.
- 16.** Queen and Princess Contestants having previously held the title of MCFR Queen and MCFR Princess may not hold the same title more than once.

NEW CROWN ROYALTY

All titles awarded to new royalty will be required to represent MCFR Board until titles are released and agree to the following:

- Be at specified events requested by coordinators.
- Are encouraged to participate in the Miss Rodeo Idaho contest and/or Miss Rodeo USA, if so desired.
- Maintain safety and appropriate tack while representing MCFR at other rodeos or parades.
- Participate in local parades such as: Cassia Co. Fair Parade, Rupert 4th of July Parade and Oakley Pioneer days Parade. Any questions talk to the coordinators.

All reigning royalty will be responsible for collecting buckle sponsors of the amounts listed below:

Queen Buckle: (\$125.00 minimum) extra prize donations are welcome, if offered.

Princess Buckle: (\$100.00 minimum) extra prize donations are welcome, if offered

Secure continued business sponsorship for the MCFR as assigned by the Fairboard and coordinators.

If crowned as Queen, I understand that I will receive these traveling items: Crown, chaps and serape that will be passed on to the next years Queen. If these items are not returned the night of the next years crowning in good condition, Queen will be responsible to replace these items at the cash value as listed:

Crown - Value: \$500

Chaps - Value \$600

Serape - Value \$200

If crowned as Princess, I understand that I will receive a traveling serape that will be passed on to the next years Princess. If serape is not returned in the night of the next years crowning in good condition, I will replace it at the cash value as listed:

Minidoka County Queen and Princess's parents/guardians thereof, agree to hold Minidoka County and the Minidoka County Fair board and anyone associated with such board/contest harmless and not liable for any accident, injury, or personal damage that may occur to her during her competition and/or reign.

If at any point in the year of my reign, I am unable to fulfill my requirements of the Minidoka County Fair Board, I will be required to return all prizes, awards and/or scholarship money awarded to myself during the title I hold. If I am not able to return items, I will be held responsible to replace or pay cash value.

All judges/fair board decisions are final as of coronation and crowned winners will remain as such.

Upon being crowned MCFR Queen or Princess, I and my parents, if under the age of 18, understand that signing of this contract is a binding agreement.

MCFR CONTEST RELEASE FORM

In consideration of my application being accepted as a contestant for the title of MCFR Queen or MCFR Princess, I am permitted to engage in the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo Royalty contest, I hereby for myself, my executors, assistants, family, administrators, and friends agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the MCFR Royalty contest and I assume all liability and responsibility for any and all loss, accident, or injury whether to person or property.

I enter this contest at my own risk and understand that I am subject to the contest rules, both written and verbal.

I also agree to hold harmless the Minidoka County Fair board, all committee members, coordinators, and any others involved in such event for the entire term of the contest and/or the duration of my reign.

I agree that this release of liability will remain in force until the final night of my term as MCFR Royalty which will be the final night of all MCFR functions of the following year. Also, I hereby release the right and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the Rodeo committee or others designated to take such photos for use of promotion and publicity.

I agree that I have read, initialed and understand all above rules and expectations of the MCFR royalty contest. I agree that I must abide by such rules and regulations and agree that failure to comply with such rules can result in disqualification of current and future participation in such contest.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF IDAHO)
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COUNTY OF MINIDOKA

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the Undersigned, a notary public in and for said State, (personally) appeared _____ known to me, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

(SEAL)

Notary Public State of Idaho
Residing In: _____

MCFR Horsemanship Contest

1. Attire for horsemanship is western pants dark blue or black, white form-fitting western blouse with long sleeves and tucked in. No vests or jackets. Nicely shaped and clean hat. Belt and western boots required.
2. Queen or Princess Contestants will be required to participate in one horsemanship pattern. Queen Contestants are required to participate in an additional draw horse pattern. All horses used for competition must compete in a bridle. (No snaffle bits, o rings or D rings) **STALLIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
3. All contestants will be required to saddle, bridle, and groom their own horses.
 - No parents, trainers or any other individuals will be allowed to assist, give pointers, warm up any horses, etc. once released to prepare for horsemanship.
 - Once the contestant is mounted no parents will be allowed to interact with contestants. Should a safety issue arise, a parent can ask the coordinator to handle concern or escort them to their child.
4. No contestant is allowed to leave the warm-up/bull pen area during the contest. No contestant is allowed to ride the racetrack during the contest:
5. Contestants will be required to participate in a pattern as assigned by the MCFR coordinators.
6. In the event, that there is a tie in the final overall score, such ties will be broken by the using highest horsemanship score. If horsemanship scores are a tie the highest speech and modeling score will be used.
7. Judges can perform horsemanship interviews upon completion of patterns at their discretion.
8. Contestant's hair must be pulled back and secured from significant bounce.
9. Tack inspections will be at the discretion of the judges.
10. Queens will be required to mount at the beginning of their patterns.
11. Queens will be required to ride a draw horse but will not have to mount for judges on draw horse.

MCFR Speech and Modeling Contest

1. All Queens and Princesses are required to be in western style dresses. This includes:
 - a. Western dress (ask a coordinator if you have any concerns) or Western skirt with blouse, vest, or jacket
 - b. Western belt is required
 - c. Western boots (no lace up)
 - d. Shaped and clean hat
2. Speech topics will be as assigned by coordinators; all speeches will be as follows:
Queen (3-4 mins) "Small Town, Big Heart"
Princess (2-3 mins) "Small Town, Big Heart"
3. Each contestant will be required to answer questions in the categories of rodeo knowledge, horsemanship, current events, and personality as a portion of their speech score.
4. All modeling patterns are at the coordinator's discretion.
5. Following the speech and modeling each Queen and Princess contestants will participate in personal interviews with judges. The same attire as speech and modeling will be required.
6. Contestants will be judged on content and creativity, voice projection, enunciation, and grammar, use of microphone, eye contact, self-confidence and stage appeal.
7. NO NOTECARDS OR PROPS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Important MCFR dates to remember

MCFR packets and fees turned in at contestant and parent meeting July 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at arena bleachers

MCFR Horsemanship open arena – Minidoka Co. Arena (not required) July 8, 2024, after meeting

Horsemanship Minidoka County Fairgrounds arena July 26, 2024, 8:00 am

MCFR Contest Speech and Modeling at Grace Church July 26, 2024, 1:00 pm

Tiny Tot Horse Gymkhana - arena TBA

Junior Rodeo - arena July 31- Aug. 1, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Open Rodeo – arena Aug. 2-3, 2024 @ 5:30pm

** Dates and times are subject to change. Additional appearances may be required at the discretion of the coordinators and/or fair board. However, we will attempt to keep this at a minimum.

For questions or information contact:

Dixie Tate-Dennis 208-431-9910

Whitney Ozburn 208-308-4863

Biography

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Title I am running for: Queen _____ Princess _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Horse Name: _____

Hobbies: _____

Activities: _____

Saying that best describes you? _____

Best Advice you've ever received? _____

Your Hero & why? _____

Why do you want to be MCFR Royalty?

Any other words about you? _____

MCFR RODEO ROYALTY CONTRACT

As the Minidoka County Rodeo Royalty, you symbolize the strengths and abilities for the youth of our community that wish to promote the great sport of rodeo.

Royalty will be required to up-hold high moral standards: All royalty and contestants must be modest in all events attended and must conduct themselves in a professional manner, no drinking, no smoking, no vulgar language, and no tobacco. This also includes appearances in all public places as well as any activity on all social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). All royalty will be expected to act in a lady like manner at all times. This includes the presence of boyfriends, friends, etc. No one will be allowed to be on the back of contestant's horse at any time.

All reigning royalty shall be dressed appropriately at all times, i.e., western clothing (appropriate for the occasion) western hat, boots, belt, sash, and tiara. No revealing or mid-drift clothing or piercings other than ears at any time. Special permission may be obtained for other dress if the contestant is involved in other activities during the fair.

The Queen and Princess must keep in touch with each other on places they will be attending. The Queen also needs to coordinate all activities with the Queen Coordinators.

- All Minidoka County Royalty must help the coordinators with plans for the following year's contest.
- The Queen's crown is a traveling crown and must be passed on to the proceeding Queen. In the event any of the traveling items are lost or damaged, it will be the responsibility of the individual to pay for such item(s).
- The royalty shall attend all parades, rodeos, and functions as outlined by the royalty Coordinators, unless previously excused by the Coordinator's or Fair board.
- All royalty, contestants, parents, and other affiliates to royalty and/or contestants agree to act in a respectful and appropriate manner to all fellow royalty, contestants, parents. and committee members.

If I am chosen to represent the Minidoka County Fair & Rodeo for the year of 2022-2023, I agree to all the above rules and guidelines governing my reign. I also agree to abide by any other instruction or policy as directed by the MCFR Queen Coordinators and Fair Board.

SIGNED _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE (if under 18): _____

Contestant Name _____

Address _____

Phone or Cell _____ **Parent or Guardian**

_____ **Contestant**

Email _____

Queen Application

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Previous titles held (Include coordinator contact information, attach separate sheet if needed):

How do you plan to promote the MCFR as a Queen?

If selected as MCFR Queen are you interested in running for (check one or both):

Miss Rodeo Idaho Miss Rodeo USA

What is your idea of a good Queen?

Do you have a criminal history? Yes No If yes explain:

What are your best qualities and what would you like the fair board to most consider about you?

List 3 references that are not related to you (past coordinators, employers, etc.)

Checklist of Items To Be Turned In

- Rules and Guidelines and Release Form (initialed, signed and notarized)
- 5X7 Photo
- Biography
- MCFR Rodeo Royalty Contract
- Entry Fee of \$50.00

*****All MCFR packets can be mailed to:**

**Minidoka County Fair Board,
Attn: MCFR Royalty Contest
85 East Baseline Road
Rupert, ID 83350**

Or...

**Hand delivered to the coordinators at the contestant meeting to be held on
July 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm in MCFR arena bleachers.**

**The reining pattern will be provided by June 1, 2024, fair office or online.
Please be prepared for roll backs, sliding stops, and spins.**