

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Ladies must be between 16-24 years of age to compete for the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo **Queen** title and 9-15 years of age to participate in the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo **Princess** division. NOTE: If there are no queen division contestants, the two contestants with the highest cumulative scores will be named queen & princess. Likewise, if there are no princess contestants, the two contestants with the highest cumulative scores will be named queen & princess.
2. Participation in the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Scholarship Contest is limited to legal residents of the state of Texas for at least 6 months who own property or go to school or live within 250 miles of Lubbock, Texas. The ABC Pro Rodeo Executive Committee reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Contestant.
3. **Entry:** The entry application is available online at www.abcrodeo.com. Completed entries must be accompanied by \$50 payment and must be postmarked by January 23, 2017. **Late Entry:** Late entries must be received by February 1, 2017. Late entries incur a \$25 late fee, for an entry total of \$75.
4. Application for entry must include four (4) identical vertical 5" x 7" color "headshot" photographs in hat & western attire along with a signed release from the photographer. Photos will not be returned and will become the property of the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Pageant.
5. Contestant Goodie Baskets: Contestants are required to bring a basket or bucket of goodies in the \$20-\$25 price range to be auctioned at Coronation. Baskets will be collected at Orientation.
6. Contestants CANNOT be married, never been married nor had a marriage annulled or have a child. Should this occur during a contestant's reign, she must forfeit the title and return all prizes.
7. Any Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Contestant who has previously obtained the title of Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen at any prior Miss ABC Pro Rodeo contest is NOT eligible to enter the contest. The reigning Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Princess is not eligible to compete for the Queen title in the same year she is giving up her crown. Contestants may hold another title as long as they meet all Miss ABC Pro Rodeo contractual requirements.
8. Conduct: Drinking alcohol, illegal drug use, smoking or the use of foul language will not be tolerated before, during or following the pageant. Contestants will cooperate at all times with pageant officials, personnel and fellow contestants. Each contestant is responsible for the conduct of HERSELF and her PARENTS and HELPERS. At no time will parents, friends or relatives interfere with the ABC Club's conducting of the pageant. If these people cause any disturbance including abusive speech or comments, the contestant may be disqualified and judges will be notified. Directions from audience while a contestant is performing during any pageant events are strongly discouraged.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for adhering to current health requirements which include a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within forty-five (45) days and negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous twelve (12) months.
10. **Judged Categories:** 450 Total Possible Points. The Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Scholarship Pageant will be judged on Horsemanship – 150 points, Personality – 150 points (including Interview & Public Speaking), and Appearance – 150 points (including Modeling, Western Attire & Photogenic). Contestants must compete in all scheduled events at the scheduled time; events will NOT be rescheduled for individual Contestants with conflicting obligations. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Any contestant who is late for any event will receive an automatic point deduction from the personality category score. The number of points deducted as at the sole discretion of the judges.

Horsemanship Competition: Each Contestant must provide a horse for the competition. Stallions are prohibited. The competition will consist of a designated reining pattern (included), a queen's run and a flag lap. Contestants must furnish their own flag boot. Each Contestant will be judged on overall horsemanship proficiency. Contestants must wear a long sleeve white shirt with blue or black Wrangler brand jeans and a Western hat & boots. No chaps will be allowed in the Horsemanship Competition.

Interview Competition: Each contestant will field questions from the panel of judges in a one on one interview setting. This event is closed to the public and only the Contestant and an ABC club representative will be allowed in the room with the judges during the interview. Each Contestant must wear a long sleeve white shirt with blue or black Wrangler brand jeans, boots and a Western hat. Contestants may be asked to answer an impromptu question about current events or rodeo.

Public Speaking: Each Contestant must prepare and present a 2 (two) minute memorized speech. If a contestant exceeds 2 minutes 5 points will be deducted. The speech content should include information relevant to the AMBUCS club, ABC Pro Rodeo and/or sport of rodeo.

Style Show/Public Speaking/Coronation:

Modeling: Miss ABC Pro Rodeo **Queen** contestants will model one Western dress outfit (It may be a one piece dress or skirt and blouse, vest or jacket combo) of their choice. **NOTE:** The dress outfit does **not** have to be leather, but should reflect a western influence. Skirts may be no shorter than 2” above the knee. No short sleeves or sleeveless. ¾ sleeves are acceptable. **Princess** contestants will model Wrangler jeans with a shirt. & optional vest/jacket of their choice. Boots, belts & western hats are required for both the Queen and Princess contestants. Each contestant is required to complete a brief Contestant Biography for the emcee’s introduction.

Additionally, each contestant may be interviewed onstage by an emcee.

11. There will be 3 judges qualified in all categories. Decisions of the judges are final. Copies of contestant individual score sheets & judges comments will be provided to the individual contestant at the conclusion of the pageant, so the contestant will know what areas need improvement & will be encouraged to enter again in the future.
12. In the event of a tie in the **category** awards Judge #1’s score will break the tie. If a tie remains, Judge #2’s score will be used...and so on until the tie is broken. A second balloting by contestants will break Miss Congeniality ties. The horsemanship scores will break a tie for Miss ABC Pro Rodeo and runners-up, i.e. the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.
12. All disputes will be settled by the ABC Pro Rodeo Queen’s committee & will be limited to determining if the judges acted in good faith, impartially and in accordance with the applicable rules. If any judge is found to have acted in violation of these rules, the committee in their discretion may remove such judge and may take any other remedial action they deem appropriate. All decisions of the committee are final.
13. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo and Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Princess are eligible to receive scholarships, provided they fulfill their reign and meet the Rules and Requirements portion of Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Scholarship Policies. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen Scholarship will be paid in 3 equal payments: \$500 at contract signing; \$500 the week of the ABC Pro Rodeo, \$500 at the conclusion of her reign. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Princess Scholarship will be paid in 2 equal payments: \$250 at contract signing and \$250 at the conclusion of her reign.
14. Contestants will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating they have read and understand the requirements for Miss ABC Pro Rodeo and Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Princess. Requirements for Miss ABC Pro Rodeo and Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Princess are:
 - a. Will serve as an ambassador for Miss ABC Pro Rodeo and the ABC Pro Rodeo
 - b. Will not consume alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and/or drugs, commit criminal acts or display any inappropriate behavior while acting in the capacity of Miss ABC Pro Rodeo. Her title will be forfeited upon the first offense
 - c. Will dress as Miss ABC Pro Rodeo in full Queen attire (banner, crown, buckle and full Western attire) for all appearances. If attending a PRCA rodeo as a queen during the year of your reign, you must attend as Miss ABC Pro Rodeo unless prior permission is given.
 - d. Will be present for all ABC Pro Rodeo performances March 30 – April 1, 2017
 - e. Will ride in every ABC Pro Rodeo grand entry and carry flags and sponsor banners as needed.
 - f. Will perform publicity duties:
 - i. Sign autographs during the Rodeo
 - ii. Work with ABC Pro Rodeo Staff to meet with sponsors and personally thank them for their sponsorship
 - iii. Interview with media when asked by Management
 - iv. Will assist with Mutton Bustin’ at each rodeo performance
 - g. Will notify Pageant Director of intentions to compete at Miss Rodeo Texas held in June 2017, by May 1, 2017. ABC Pro Rodeo will pay entry fee and purchase a program ad if she competes.
 - h. Will stay in contact with and be available for any other duties assigned by Liaison and/or Media Coordinator during the weeks immediately preceding the 2017 ABC Pro Rodeo
 - i. Will be required to attend the following ABC Pro Rodeo Events:
 - i. Boys & Girls Club Check Presentations
 - ii. Komen Check Presentation
 - j. Will Attend a minimum of 5 additional promotional appearances representing the ABC Pro Rodeo throughout the year including, but not limited to: Lubbock 4th on Broadway Parade (July 4, 2017), O’Donnell Rodeo & Parade (July 7-8, 2017); Lamesa Rodeo & Parade (July 14-15, 2017); Post Stampede Rodeo & Parade (Aug 10-12); Amarillo-Will Rogers

Range Riders Rodeo & Parade (1st weekend in July); Lubbock National Cowboy Symposium (Sept. 8-10); Lubbock 34th Street Miracles Parade (TBA - Dec 2017); Fort Worth- Southwestern Livestock Exposition & Rodeo Parade (Jan. 2018).

- k. Will be required to be present at the following year's pageant to crown her successor.
 - l. Will care for and maintain the chaps, crown & banner that will be used during her year of reign. If lost or damaged she will be charged for replacement or repairs.
 - m. Will be prompt for all appearances.
15. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen & Princess will each be provided 2 tickets for every ABC Rodeo Performance. Her sash & crown will be entry to all other ABC club sanctioned events & 1 ticket will also be provided for her guest.
16. If for some reason the contestant chosen as queen is unable to fulfill her reign, the ABC Club reserves the right to name a successor. If this should happen, the queen must forfeit & relinquish all awards. Failure to complete her reign will obligate the contestant to reimburse the ABC Club & sponsors for all monies and items won and/or received as Miss ABC Pro Rodeo
17. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen & Princess agree to abide by the code of conduct. Misconduct includes but is not limited to:
- a. Persistent failure to comply with rules, code of conduct or the directions of ABC Pro Rodeo
 - b. Failure to treat ABC club members in a courteous manner.
 - c. Profane or abusive language.
 - d. Theft, damage or destruction of property at an ABC Club activity
 - e. Assault or threats of harm to people, animals or property.
 - f. Unlawful or misuse related to addictive behaviors including but not limited to narcotics, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
 - g. Abuse, misuse or neglect of equine