

# Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen Packet

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# 2023 Miss, Jr. & Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo

## Welcome Contestants!

The Gold Country Pro Rodeo would like to invite you to run for the 2023 Miss, Jr. & Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen titles. It will be a year you will never forget. As the queen you will attend rodeos, community events, parades, dinners, and much more. Please review this packet to understand what will be asked of you if you are crowned. We thank you for your interest and we look forward to meeting you!

## Who is Miss, Jr. & Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo?

They are young ladies who promote the sport of rodeo and the Auburn community. As rodeo queens they have high morals, standards, and lady like behavior. They have groomed appearance, outgoing personality, and are responsible. Rodeo queens are very well-rounded individuals. She is knowledgeable in rodeo, horses, current events, and her community. Even when they aren't dressed in queen attire, they realize their actions and words are still held to high standards.

## Qualifications

- ❖ Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen contestants must be 18 years of age, but not older than 24 years of age as of April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- ❖ Jr. Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen contestants must be 13 years of age, but not older than 17 years of age as of April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023
- ❖ Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen contestants must be 9 years of age, but not older than 12 years of age as of April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023
- ❖ Contestants must be a resident of California & or live within 150 miles of Auburn.
- ❖ Contestants must be female.
- ❖ Contestants must not be or have ever been married or divorced.
- ❖ Contestants must not be pregnant or the mother of a child.
- ❖ Former Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo titleholders of that division are ineligible to compete.

## Rules and Regulations

1. Prior to the contest there will be an orientation meeting. This meeting will be an introduction to the competition. Please be dressed in rodeo attire.
2. Contestants can only miss one meeting. Tardiness will be considered.
3. The first meeting after orientation entry fee of \$150(Miss) \$125(Jr.) & \$100(Young) and typed applications will be due. Please make your check payable to EZ Events Inc.
4. This is your competition! You are responsible for preparing your horse, your tack, your wardrobe, as well as yourself.
5. Any unsportsmanlike conduct WILL NOT be tolerated. This includes a queen, contestant, family, or friend. You will be asked to leave immediately. All prizes and awards received will be returned to the competition.
6. Contestants and queens are never permitted to drink alcohol, smoke, or use tobacco of any sort, use drugs, or use foul language in person, title OR social media. Any contestant caught conducting in non-lady like behavior will be given a warning prior to being ask to leave the pageant or a removal of her crown. No inappropriate pictures with significant others will be permitted.

## Rules and Regulations (cont.)

7. At any time a contestant or queen is wearing a Gold Country Pro Rodeo or PRCA emblems (crown, sash, buckle, or saddle) they are considered to be representing the rodeo. At any point a young lady is not conducting herself appropriately the pageant coordinator will be notified. Dependent upon the action, she may not be given a warning. This is up to the discretion of the coordinator. All titles and awards will be given back to the pageant and first runner up will be crowned.
8. Contestants and queens must remember you are always being watched, even if you are not dressed in queen apparel. Your behavior and actions on social media is no exception. You are required to friend or be followed by Gold Country Pro Rodeo account and queen accounts. During our pageant or reign all social media must be clean and appropriate. No matter the age of the young lady alcohol is never permitted in any picture. If anything is found to be inappropriate it will be dealt with accordingly. Snapchat or live video feeds are not allowed during meetings, practice, or pageant.
9. If Miss or Jr Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo is or becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her crown and all awards.
10. Contestants and queens are responsible to provide their own transportation to and from all events.
11. Contestants must attend all mandatory events listed. They are permitted to miss 1 after that there will be a meeting to discuss tardiness.
12. Contestants and queens must have a suitable horse for use at the rodeo and future events if crowned. The horse used for the pageant does not need to be the same horse used at the rodeo.
13. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted. This is grounds for disqualification.
14. A judge may not be approached by a contestant or any family member or friend. This action could result in a disqualification.
15. All judges' decisions are final. If in the event of a tie which ever contestant has the highest horsemanship points will be the queen.
16. In horsemanship judging will be on the contestant's ability, skill, cleanliness of tack and horse, and overall appearance.
17. Each contestant must sell 10 dinner tickets for the evening of our queen competition dinner. The money for the tickets is due the last meeting before the competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.
18. All contestants must sell minimum amounts of raffle tickets for their division: Miss-\$500, Jr & Young-\$350. If contestants sell an additional \$250 of raffle tickets over the minimum, they will be awarded 6 bonus points to their over all score. Money raised goes towards Highest Money Earner Award.
19. Each contestant is required to bring 1 raffle item at minimum value of \$50. Items can be sponsored or donated.
20. All contestants and queens are required to dress western and abide by the PRCA dress code when representing Gold Country Pro Rodeo at any event.
21. The Miss, Jr, and Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo crown and chaps are permanent property of the Gold Country Pro Rodeo. They must be returned in the same condition that she received it in. If lost or damaged, the queen is responsible to give the value amount to the pageant for replacement.
22. After coordination each contestant is expected to stay and behave appropriately. You must remain dressed in rodeo attire and sash. Misconduct could cause ineligibility for future Gold Country Pro Rodeo competitions as well as loss of any awards received during the pageant.
23. The reigning queen cannot hold any additional queen titles while representing Miss, Jr and Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo.

## **Contest Categories**

### **Horsemanship**

As a contestant you may use the same horse or different horse for the competition and rodeo. The horse or horses must be safe and under control at all times. The senior and junior contestants will compete in a reining pattern, queens run, and flag run. You may not let anyone else warm up your horse during the competition. Contestants are responsible for their own flag boot. Please pin your hat to prevent it from falling off. Gloves and chaps are not permitted. The reining patterns will be given at the orientation meeting. Don't forget to SMILE!

#### **Horsemanship will be judged on:**

- ❖ Control of the mount and how each situation is handled.
- ❖ The overall appearance of horse, rider, and tack.
- ❖ Mount and dismount
- ❖ The reining pattern or patterns, queens run, and flag run.
- ❖ Posture and balance
- ❖ Answering any horse questions correctly

### **Interview**

This portion of the competition will follow after the horsemanship portion. There will be a one-hour break for contestants to change and prepare for interview. It is up to the contestant if she would like to wear a dress, skirt, or pant outfit.

#### **Interview will be judged on:**

- ❖ Knowledge of rodeo
- ❖ Knowledge of current events. Locally and worldwide.
- ❖ Knowledge of horses
- ❖ Personal and application
- ❖ Eye contact, professionalism, self confidence, and over all appearance.

### **Written Test**

The written test will be given after or before interview. There will be a modified test for the Young Miss. It will be multiple choice, fill in the blank and written questions. The test will be on your knowledge of rodeo, horses, equine science and tack.

### **Speech and Impromptu questions**

All contestants must prepare a memorized speech given the evening of our queen dinner. There are absolutely no notecards or props allowed. Junior queen's and Miss Speeches will be 1.5-2.5 minutes long. Young miss will be 30 seconds-1 min long. The topic will be given the night of the orientation meeting. Points will be taken if you are under or over the time limits. Each contestant will be given three Impromptu questions.

**Speech and Impromptu questions will be judged on:**

- ❖ Preparedness
- ❖ Following speech topic
- ❖ Presentation
- ❖ Confidence
- ❖ Voice
- ❖ Delivery
- ❖ Enthusiasm

**Modeling**

All contestants will model their evening dinner outfit. A dress or skirt outfit is required. There is no set pattern. This is another opportunity to show your stage presence and confidence.

**Modeling will be judged on:**

- ❖ Confidence
- ❖ Stage presence
- ❖ Using full stage
- ❖ Poise
- ❖ Appearance

## **2023 Miss, Jr. and Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Contract**

This agreement represents the Gold Country Pro Rodeo Association, and queen coordinator Mariah Byrd.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 Miss, Jr. & Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo Queen contestant. The purpose of this contract is to confirm my understanding of the rules and expectations set forth by the coordinator.

I understand by competing or by winning the title, I will be representing Gold Country Pro Rodeo and the city of Auburn. I understand that should I not be chosen as the 2023 Miss, Jr. or Young Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo; in an event the chosen queen has to step down from her title I may be asked to be crowned the new queen.

At all times I will conduct and portray myself with lady like behavior, high morals and standards, excellent sportsmanship, and humane treatment to animals.

If I am chosen as the Miss or Jr. Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo, I agree to these terms and the rules and regulations stated in the rodeo queen packet:

I will appear at events and rodeos representing Gold Country Pro Rodeo. I will take the time and understand it is my responsibility to notify my employer, professor, and parents of the scheduled events. I also understand that events are subject to change and engagements can be requested on short notice. I agree to make accommodations to the best of my ability.

I will attend a minimum of 5 rodeos. One must include Reno or Salinas. One parade and 3 community events. The first rodeo board meeting after the rodeo I will come dressed and introduce myself. I will attend at least 4 rodeo board meetings and come prepared with an update of travels and future travels.

I will wear my banner, crown, buckle, and proper western attire whenever I make an appearance as Miss or Jr. Miss Gold Country Pro Rodeo.

I will keep close contact with my coordinator. I will contact her if any problems arise or I am unable to attend an event as scheduled. I will notify her at least 5 days in advance. It's my responsibility to set up my own travel plans and contact the appropriate party that I will be attending the event.

I will encourage and recruit future contestants, act as a hostess, and assist in the promotion of the contest in any way possible.

I will sell tickets for events and help recruit sponsors when needed.

I understand that I am financially responsible for all of my travels and expenses that arise.

I understand that the Gold Country Pro Rodeo queen pageant is a competition. During the contest and as queen I will conduct myself in professional manner.

Contestants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Or parent if under 18 years of age.

## Upcoming Dates

ORIENTATION – February 11<sup>th</sup> 5pm @ EzEvents

MEETING – March 4<sup>th</sup> Final Day to sign up. Applications and entry fees are due.

\*\*\*Optional: Rodeo Queen Clinic March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*

MANDATORY HORSEMANSHIP PRACTICE- March 25<sup>th</sup> @ Nevada County Horsemen inc 10600 Bubbling Wells rd Grass Valley. \* First half of raffle ticket money is due. 9am

MEETING: April 8<sup>th</sup>:

MEETING: Dress Rehearsal @ Nevada County Horsemen inc. – Remainder of raffle ticket & Pageant ticket money is due. 6:30pm

COMPETITION: April 15<sup>th</sup>- Horsemanship start time: 9am arrive no later than 8:00am. Gates open at 6:30am Arena will be closed at 8:40am. Evening portion begins at 5:30pm @ Nevada County Horsemen inc. contestants must return by 4:30pm.

(You are allowed to miss non mandatory meetings: Attendance & tardiness will be notified to judges)