

# Miss K Bar C Ranch Pageant

## Rules & Regulations

### **Objective**

The objective of the Miss K Bar C Ranch Pageant is to select a representative for the K Bar C Ranch, its sponsors, and supporters. Miss K Bar C Ranch should be able to speak intelligently and with authority on the sport of rodeo, her sponsor's, and the world around her.

### **Contestant and Miss K Bar C Ranch Qualifications**

- Age: I will not be less than 18 years of age, nor will I be more than 26 years of age, on January 1, of the competition year. If requested I will provide a copy of a government issued identification (such as a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, etc.) verifying my age.
- Residency and Citizenship: I am a resident and citizen of the United States of America. However, there is no state, county, or city residency requirement.
- Education: I have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent, or am completing my senior year).
- Gender: I am female and have always been female.
- Marital Status: I am not currently married and have never been married. I have never participated in a situation where it could be determined that I am or have been married by common-law or cohabitated with another person in lieu of a marriage contract. I have never entered a purported marriage ceremony or obtained a divorce or annulment of any true or purported marriage.
- Parental/Guardian Status: I am not pregnant, nor have I ever given birth to or adopted any child. I am not the guardian of any person.
- Good Character: I am of good moral character. I have never committed or been involved in an act of moral turpitude.
- No Criminal Record: I have not been convicted or charged with any criminal action, regardless of whether a felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic offenses). I agree to provide proof of any charge against me, or the resolution thereof, for any criminal action for which a penalty may be assessed.
- Health: I am in good health, and I do not have any health concerns which would prevent me from fully participating in this contest or from serving as Miss K Bar C Ranch, if selected.
- Substance Abuse: I do not use any illegal or controlled substances (other than prescription medications and then only in the manner prescribed). I do not abuse alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- Contractual Obligations: I am not under any contractual obligation which would interfere with my ability to participate in this contest or interfere with my ability to perform as Miss K Bar C Ranch, if selected.
- Ability to Perform: To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing that will interfere with my ability to compete in this contest or to perform the obligations of Miss K Bar C Ranch, if selected.

## **Pageant Rules**

- Contestants will abide by all official pageant directives.
- Most of the Miss K Bar C Ranch pageant functions are open to family and friends but contestants must always sit together with their pageant chaperones.
- Contestant understands the communication limitations; including limited or no cell phone usage (to be explained at orientation).
- Each contestant will be given equal time for events (ex. interview with judges) and will be timed to ensure equal opportunity.
- When questions are created for the contestants by the judges or the Miss K Bar C Pageant Officials, fairness regarding level of difficulty will always be a top priority.

## **Judging**

The Miss K Bar C Ranch contestants will be judged in many areas during the pageant. The scheduled activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Personal interview
- Impromptu questions
- Prepared speeches
- Modeling
- Written exam
- Horsemanship

## **Judging Criteria**

- Horsemanship 30%
  - The horsemanship division accounts for 30% of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in her knowledge, riding, and showmanship abilities.
  - Contestants will use their own horse and equipment for this portion of the contest.
  - The purpose of the horsemanship division is to judge the candidate on one's ability to ride a horse, including but not limited to equitation skills, hands, and ability to sit a horse, and one's ability to properly tack a horse.
  - An important aspect of horsemanship division is the way a queen presents herself – appearance and personality are a must in this division as well as riding ability.
  - The horsemanship competition consists of a set pattern provided by K Bar C Ranch, and a brief in-arena interview with the judges.
  - After performing the maneuvers of the first pattern and speaking with the judges in the arena, the contestant will perform a queen run/presentation run before exiting.
  - The contestants should dress as they would if they were Miss K Bar C Ranch riding at a event during her reign. Chaps and spurs are not permitted. The contestant should not wear anything that will inhibit the judges' view of her

- hands or seat. The contestant should be sure that her hat would not come off during her presentation of the horsemanship patterns.
- Should an unfair situation arise through no fault of the contestant, a re-ride can be granted, and the scoring done on the re-ride. This must be a unanimous agreement between judges.
  - The judges reserve the right to request additional horsemanship maneuvers or rounds. For example, mounting/dismounting, presenting a flag, rail work, etc.
- Public Speaking 25%
    - The public speaking division accounts for 25 percent of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in public speaking events. Those events include the following:
      - Prepared Speech: Each contestant presents a speech on a personal platform, Kentucky, or anything with a western theme. This speech is timed and must be between one and two minutes in length. Deductions in scores due to time specifications are not met are at the discretion of each individual judge. Judges will be notified of the speech time, but a sound/alarm will not sound. Notes or cue-cards will not be allowed.
      - Impromptu Questioning: Each contestant will answer impromptu questions which could be about current events, rodeo rules, and regulations, or situational issues.
    - Public speaking is judged on the same guidelines set forth under the personality division.
  - Personality 20%
    - The personality division accounts for 20 percent of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in:
      - Education
      - Conversational ability in various areas
      - Sense of humor
      - Personality appeal – ability to project yourself to others on short appearances.
      - Rodeo and overall knowledge
      - Genuine interest in other people – noticeable consideration of others
      - Projection – ability to project your personality whether it be from horseback or before any audience.
      - Disposition
      - General culture
      - Grammar
      - Quality of voice expression – this includes enunciation voice inflection.

- Appearance 20%
  - The appearance division accounts for 20% of the total judging. The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in:
    - Attractiveness and facial beauty
    - Figure
    - Grooming – This includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, hair, boots, hats, etc. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for contestant to be considered for Miss K Bar C Ranch.
    - Photogenic Quality
    - Posture
    - Poise and lady-like behavior in any situation
    - Clothing (fit and style)
    - General Appearance
  
- Written Examination 5%
  - The written examination division accounts for 5% of the total judging. The written examination is a cumulative examination covering some, if not all, of the following areas:
    - Knowledge of the K Bar C Ranch, including its event, offerings, former winners, and its sponsors.
    - Knowledge of current events in our nation and the world
    - General knowledge of livestock and care of livestock (including typical illnesses) and horsemanship/rodeo tack.
    - The written examination is designed to test whether a particular contestant has the knowledge necessary to handle the role of Miss K Bar C Ranch the day she is crowned. It is NOT a test of trick questions.
    - All contestants will be granted equal time to complete the written examination.

### **Scores**

The scores of each contestant will be determined by the judges during the pageant activities. The scores in the different divisions will be multiplied by the appropriate percentage factor and totaled. In the event of a tie for first place, the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will be declared the winner. If this still leaves a tie, the contestant with the highest score in personality will be declared the winner. If this still leaves a tie, the contestant with the highest score in appearance will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, each judge will cast a secret ballot for the winner from the contestants who are tied. The contestant with the most votes will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, a designated Judge will declare the winner.