



FY 2012
Miss Livermore Rodeo
Queen Contest



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Welcome!

**** PLEASE NOTE: This application negates any previous application dated before 1/24/2012 ****

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association wants to thank you for your interest in running for Miss Livermore Rodeo 2012. The year will be jammed packed with rodeos, community appearances, dinners, and much more exciting events! The commitment of Miss Livermore Rodeo can be a hectic and chaotic one, but definitely worth the time and effort. Please review the packet to make sure you fully understand what will be asked of you if you are chosen as Miss Livermore Rodeo 2012.

Instructions

- Read entire package.
- Complete all of the enclosed forms.
- **Entries must be postmarked by Monday, February 27, 2012 ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Mail your entry to the Queen Coordinator:

Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association

c/o Cindy Goltz
1293 El Dorado Dr.
Livermore, CA 94550

- When mailing your entry, you must include:
 1. Your signed application form.
 2. Your signed Memorandum of Understanding.
 3. Your signed Waiver of Liability form.
 4. Two 8x10 black and white photographs; one head and shoulder pose and one full body shot of yourself in western attire.
 5. A copy of your California Driver's License or Birth Certificate.
 6. A copy of your Medical Insurance coverage card.

Should you have any questions please contact Queen Coordinator,
Cindy Goltz at 925-373-7357.

Important Information

- The Queen contest will be held on **Saturday, March 24, 2012**. Queen events will take place throughout the day. Coronation will be at the conclusion of the contest that day.
- There is a **MANDATORY CONTESTANT ORIENTATION** meeting on **Thursday, March 1st, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.** at the office of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association at the Livermore Rodeo Grounds, located at 3000 Robertson Park Road in Livermore. **The written test will be given at this meeting, please come prepared. ~ NO EXCEPTIONS! ~**
- Contestants are encouraged to seek sponsorships to help share the expenses during her reign as Queen. Some possibilities may include your employer, your parent's employer, friends or relatives employers, etc. We do, however, discourage you from seeking sponsorships from those companies and organizations that already provide sponsorship *in any way* to the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association.
- Contestants are **REQUIRED** to sell raffle tickets. This fund raiser helps to sponsor our contest and the prizes. The raffle prize is \$1,000 towards a custom saddle through Vaquero Products OR \$750 cash, whichever the winner prefers. Tickets are \$10 each. You will receive your raffle tickets at the mandatory orientation, ***so line up your buyers ahead of time!***
- The chosen Queen will be required to meet with the Queen Committee within seven days of being crowned to discuss and verify her prospective event calendar, which is subject to change and modification throughout her reign.

Qualifications

1. Contestants must be 18 years of age, but not older than 24 years of age **AS OF** January 1, 2012.
2. Contestants must reside within Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Santa Clara, **and recently added San Mateo, Tuolumne and Calaveras counties.**
- Residency is defined as your permanent address where you physically live the majority of the year. This is not the address where your parents or another family member resides while you are attending school.
3. Contestants must not be or have ever been married or divorced.
4. Contestants must not be pregnant or the mother of a child.
5. Former Miss Livermore Rodeo title holders are ineligible to compete.
6. Contestants must have been born a female.

Rules and Regulations

1. Prior to the contest, there is a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** meeting which contestants are required to attend to be eligible to enter which entails an introduction of the Queen Committee members, other contestants, previous Queens, members of the Board, general stockholders and/or local newspapers.
2. This is **YOUR** contest; you are responsible for preparing your horse, your tack and your wardrobe throughout the contest. The Committee will provide chaperones for your assistance.
3. Contestants must sign the Memorandum of Understanding, the Waiver of Liability, complete the contest application, and submit the required documents mentioned in the Qualifications section to enter the contest.
4. Each contestant must conduct herself in a professional manner, portray high moral standards, and good sportsmanship or she will be disqualified.

5. If Miss Livermore Rodeo is or becomes pregnant during her reign, she will forfeit her crown and all prizes and benefits derived from the contest.
6. No entry fee will be required of the contestants.
7. In the horsemanship judging, the horses and equipment will not be judged; the contestant's horsemanship ability, skill, and overall appearance (grooming and cleanliness of horse and tack) will be judged.
8. Contestants are to provide their own transportation to and from the contest and all promotional activities.
9. Contestants are required to have a suitable horse for use at the Rodeo and other related events, but it need not be the horse used in the contest.
10. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted. This could be grounds for complete disqualification.
11. Final decision in all categories will be that of the judges and/or LSRA committee members.
12. Pictures taken of contestants by LSRA photographers during the contest become the property of the Queen Committee and may be used for publicity. Copies may be made available to contestants.
13. Contestants are required to provide their own wardrobes.
14. Upon arrival to the contest, contestants will be under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Queen Committee. The committee has complete charge of contestants.
15. Except during personal interviews, recording equipment may be used at contest functions while the judging is taking place without the approval of the committee.
16. Movies, slides, prints, or pictures may be taken by parents, friends, or relatives of the contestants during the contest.
17. Parents, friends, and relatives are welcome to attend the contest activities, and must agree to abide by all rules and regulations.
18. Contestants are not permitted at any time during the contest, as reigning queen or as a representative of LSRA, to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use foul language in public.
19. All contestants must be aware of and conform to all PRCA dress codes (long sleeves, western jeans and hat).
20. All contestants and winner of the contest are required to dress western when representing the LSRA in any capacity.
21. The Miss Livermore Rodeo crown is the permanent property of the LSRA. If the contest winner chooses to keep it in her possession during her year as reigning queen, she will be responsible for returning it in the same condition that she received it.
22. Any problems which arise should quickly be directed to your Queen Coordinator or member of the Queen Committee.
23. After the coronation, each contestant is expected to stay and behave appropriately as well as show good sportsmanship. Misconduct could cause ineligibility for future contests as well as loss of any awards received during the contest. This will be decided by the Queen Committee and all decisions are final.
24. The reigning Queen cannot hold any additional Queen title while representing the Livermore Rodeo Association.

Contest Divisions

1. Written Test

The written test will be given the night of the MANDATORY orientation meeting and will weigh into your final overall score. The purpose of this judging is to test the contestant's knowledge of horses, tack and rodeo in general. The written test will be timed and consist of matching questions and multiple choice.

2. Raffle Ticket Sales

Contestants are REQUIRED to sell a minimum number of raffle tickets and it will weigh into your final score. This fund raiser helps to sponsor our contest and the prizes. The raffle prize is \$1,000 towards a custom saddle through Vaquero Products OR \$750 cash, whichever the winner prefers. Tickets are \$10 each. You will receive your raffle tickets at the mandatory orientation, *so line up your buyers ahead of time!*

3. Personal Interview

The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant who scores highest in:

- Knowledge of rodeo
- Knowledge and awareness of current events, both locally and worldwide
- Conversational Ability
- Projection
- Posture
- Eye Contact
- Professionalism
- Over appearance

4. Horsemanship

The purpose of this judging is to select the contestant who scores highest in:

- Horsemanship – Control of mount and the way each situation is handled. The overall understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged
- The overall appearance of horse and the equipment.
- The contestant will be required to mount and dismount, perform a queen's presentation ride, the predetermined riding pattern and a flag run.
- Dress wear for horsemanship is:
 - Blue western jeans or pants and blue western cut blouse or shirt with long sleeves, with the shirt tail tucked in.
 - Hats, boots, and belts are required. (Fatbaby style or crepe sole boots are not permitted due to safety precautions)
 - Gloves and chaps are not permitted.

Since a contestant's personality projects from horseback to the audience and judges, showmanship should be considered. Excessive use of spurs will not be permitted.

5. Speech

- Prepare a 3-5 minute speech to perform in front of the judges and spectators at the Queen Coronation dinner, details will be discussed at the Orientation meeting on March 3rd.
- Because you will be required to make public appearances as a representative and liaison for the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, you will be judged upon your public speaking abilities. Among other criteria, you will be judged on:
 - Preparedness
 - Presentation
 - Voice
 - Enthusiasm
 - Delivery
 - Effectiveness
 - Value and validity of the information you present

SPEECH TOPICS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION.

Four excellent sources of information are the PRCA's website at: <http://www.prorodeo.com>; *ProRodeo Sports News*, published twice monthly; the *PRCA Rule Book*; and the *Official ProRodeo Media Guide*. All of the literature is available from the PRCA, 101 ProRodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. For information about the Livermore Rodeo, see <http://www.livermorerodeo.org>

***NOTE:** These rules and regulations are designed for your safety and to keep the contest running properly, and in a timely and professional manner. If any grievance should arise during the contest, final decision shall be that of the Queen Committee.*

Riding Pattern

NOTE: Pattern is subject to modifications depending on the arena used.

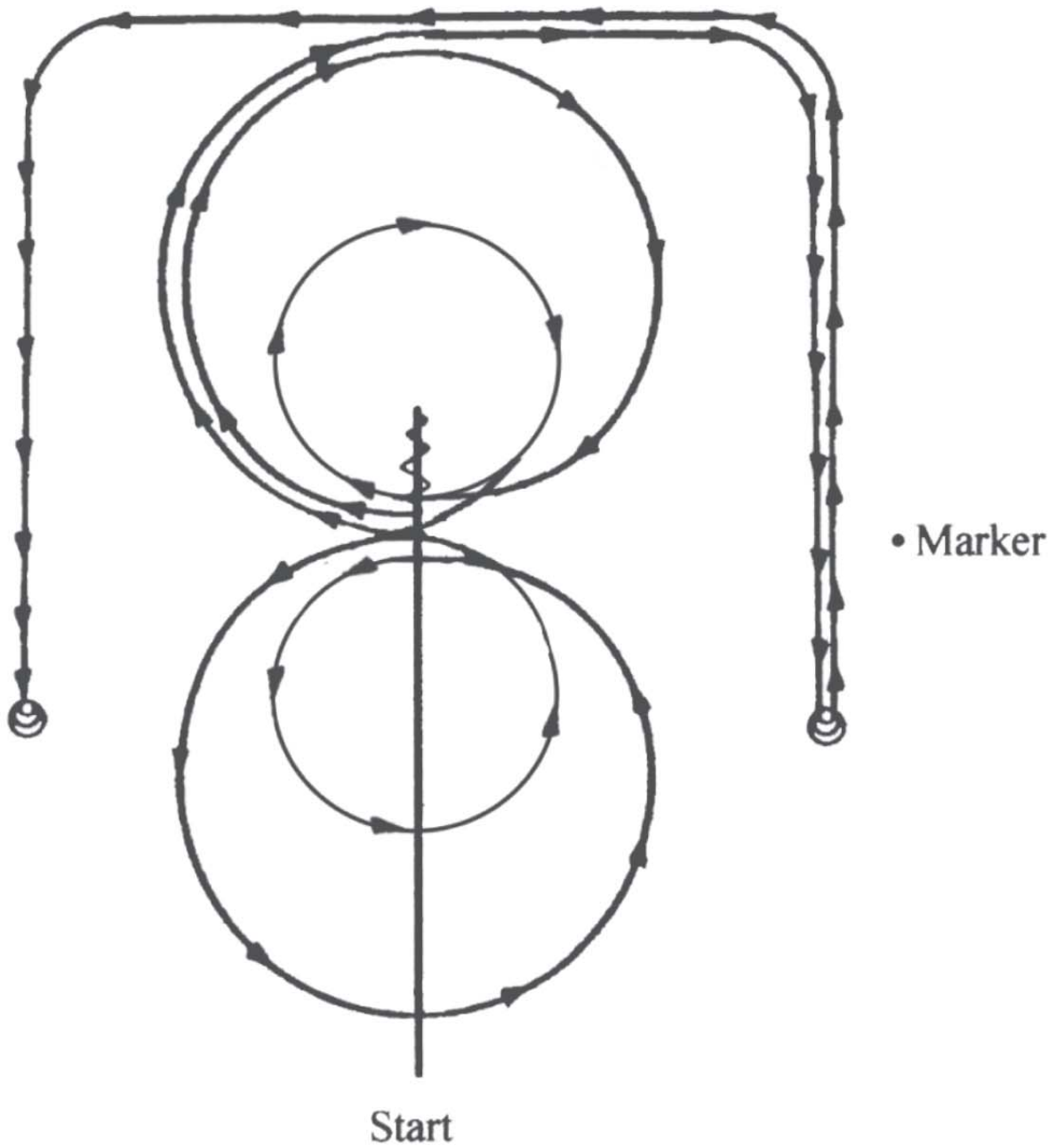
* Please note, after all contestants have completed the pattern, you may be asked to complete the pattern again on a "borrowed" horse. Be prepared to face this challenge, but do not let it become a source of anxiety, your safety will not be compromised.

1. Start at end of arena. Run down middle past center marker to a sliding stop.
2. Back at least 10 feet to center. 1/4 turn left.
3. Pickup right lead, large fast circle, small slow circle.
4. Change leads to left, large fast circle, small slow circle.
5. Change leads to right, do not close this circle.
6. Run around end of arena and down the side (approximately 20 feet from fence) past center marker and come to a sliding stop.

7. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the right.

8. Continue back down side and end of arena to other side (approximately 20 feet from fence) go past center marker and come to a sliding stop.

9. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the left. Hesitate to complete pattern





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Application Form

Instructions: Please type or write neatly using ink. Use a blank piece of 8.5" x 11" white paper if additional space is required and attach to the completed application form.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Phone (including area code): _____

Age: _____ **Birth date:** _____

Height: _____ **Hair color:** _____ **Eye color:** _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's address: _____

Parent's phone: _____

Your employer (if applicable): _____

Employer's address: _____

Employer's phone: _____

High school: _____

College: _____

Major: _____

Career goal: _____

Information about you and your horse (number of years riding, description of horse(s), etc.):

List your horse related events (events that you compete in, awards that you have won, etc.):

List any rodeo queen titles or other queen titles that you have held (if any):

List your special activities, interests, and hobbies (not rodeo or horse related):

List any awards or recognition that you have received (not rodeo or horse related; i.e., school work, church, or community service):

Describe how rodeo is a part of your life:

Explain why you want to be Miss Livermore Rodeo and how you are going to contribute to the association. What do you hope to receive from the experience? Please explain in 300 words or less hand written.



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Memorandum of Understanding

This statement represents an agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, hereinafter referred to as "LSRA," and _____, a FY2012 Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen contestant. The purpose of this MOU is to confirm the contestant's understanding of the expectations set forth by LSRA regarding the competition for Miss Livermore Rodeo. It discloses the expectations of Miss Livermore Rodeo and contestants vying for the title.

I understand that by competing in the "Miss Livermore Rodeo" Queen Contest, or by winning the title of Miss Livermore Rodeo, I will be representing LSRA and the city of Livermore. Furthermore, I will be responsible for promoting the sport of rodeo in its true light to the general public. *I further understand that should I not be chosen as the 2012 Miss Livermore Rodeo, I may be asked to represent the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association in the event that the chosen Queen is unable to appear at any of the various events. I agree that I will eagerly and enthusiastically participate in activities when invited, including riding in the Grand Entry during the upcoming Rodeo.*

At all times I will strive to portray unexcelled sportsmanship, high morals, ethical character, and humane treatment to animals.

As LSRA's representative, I will act, speak, and dress according to the esteem my title deserves any time that I am in the public eye.

If I am chosen Miss Livermore Rodeo, I agree to the following Articles:

ARTICLE

- I. I will appear at events to promote the Livermore Rodeo and the City of Livermore throughout my entire reign, and meet the proposed agenda set forth by LSRA and this MOU. I have reviewed the proposed agenda (sample provided at the end of this document) and completely understand the responsibilities of Miss Livermore Rodeo. I will take the responsibility to notify my employer or professors about the proposed agenda, so I can avoid any conflicts of interest in order to attend functions. In addition, I understand that the proposed agenda is subject to change and some engagements are requested on short notice; nevertheless, I agree to make accommodations to the best of my ability.

- II. I will wear my banner, crown, buckle, and proper western attire whenever I make an appearance as Miss Livermore Rodeo, or for portrait photos for the use of promoting the Livermore Rodeo.
- III. I will comply with this MOU and keep close contact with my coordinator. It is my responsibility to notify my coordinator if: any problems arise, or if I am unable to make any appearances as scheduled. Should I be unable to make any event, I will notify her seven days in advance.
- IV. I will encourage others to participate in future contests, act as a hostess to contestants in future contests, and assist in the promotion of the contest in any way possible.
- V. I understand that all of my appearances must have LSRA's approval. While making any approved appearance, I understand that LSRA may provide a chaperone(s) to accompany me as feasible, and I will abide by the supervision of chaperone(s). I will submit receipts to my queen coordinator who will present them to the committee for approval and reimbursement by LSRA. I will know in advance if LSRA will be paying for the expenses. I understand that LSRA will pay for **my** expenses only, and, at no time will I expect LSRA to pay for expenses that I incur without prior approval. Receipts must be submitted within thirty days of the event.
- VI. I understand that I would have to forfeit all prizes (for example, saddle, buckle, banners, trophies, etc.) if I act in a manner that does not adhere to this MOU. If there are negative reports on my conduct, my coordinator will discuss the matter with me. If there is no resolution to the problem, LSRA can request that I relinquish my title along with prizes.
- VII. Finally, I completely understand that the Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes: horsemanship, appearance, personality, public speaking, and horse husbandry knowledge. During the contest, I will exhibit the utmost sportsmanship and conduct myself in a professional manner.

Contestant's Signature

Date



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Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application of being accepted for participation in the Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from participation. I further agree to hold harmless the Livermore Stockmen's Association and the Miss Livermore Rodeo Contest Committee, their officers, agents, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury received by me in connection with participation by me in any event and performance of this contest. Furthermore, if there is a change in the horsemanship location, I agree to hold harmless the facility that provides the arena.

In conclusion, I hereby release the right, title, and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulation of the Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest.

 Signature of contestant

 Date

 Signature of mother

 Date

 Signature of father

 Date

 Contestant's street address

 City

 Zip Code

 County

 Parent's street address

 City

 Zip Code

 County

 Contestant's home phone (including area code)

 Parent's home phone (including area code)

2012 Queen Appearances

Below is an expectation of the events and engagements you will be attending. Your Queen Coordinator will notify you of specific dates when they are announced and/or become final. It is **your responsibility** to maintain your calendar and keep abreast of your scheduled appearances. If you are unsure of any dates, and the Queen Coordinator has not contacted you, PLEASE contract a member of the board to get the necessary dates and times of the events. ALWAYS confirm the dates with a member of the Queen Committee! It may also be necessary for you to call ahead to events to make arrangements for borrowed horses, dress codes, etc. Please be aware that **MANY** of the events occur during the week, especially those that occur 2-3 months prior to the rodeo. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory. **Failure to attend more than three appearances will result in possible removal of queen title; final decision is that of the board's.**

March

- * Picture with Rodeo Association Board
- * Livermore Jr. Queen Contest
- * Queen Contest Orientation Meeting 2012
- * Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest

April (many of these occur during the week)

- * General LSRA board meeting (first Tuesday of the month)
- * Oakdale Rodeo & Parade
- * Red Bluff Rodeo & Parade
- * Clovis Rodeo & Parade

May (many of these occur during the week)

- * General LSRA board meeting (first Tuesday of the month)
- General LSRA board meetings (every Tuesday in May)
- * Livermore Wine Country Festival
 - * Chamber of Commerce Mixer
 - * Rowell Ranch Rodeo & Parade
- Redding Rodeo & Parade
- * Livermore Farmer's Market
 - * Grand Entry Practices

June (many of these occur during the week)

- * General LSRA board meeting (first Tuesday of the month)
- * Chamber of Commerce Mixer
- * Grand Entry Practices (if scheduled)
- * Rotary Luncheon
- * Mixer/ Team Penning (Wednesday of Rodeo week, you will participate in the Penning)
- * Family Night (Thursday night of Rodeo week)
- * PRCA Slack (Friday morning of Rodeo week)
- * Livermore Rodeo Parade & Rodeo (Saturday morning, Saturday & Sunday)
- * Reno Rodeo & Parade

July

- * Alameda County Fair Awards Night
- * Salinas Rodeo & Parade

August

- *Volunteers/ Sponsors BBQ

September

- * LSRA Annual Stockholder meeting (first Tuesday of the month)
- * St. Michael's Western Dinner/ Dance

October

- General LSRA board meeting
- * Trick-or-Treat Night @ Baughman's
- * Grand National Rodeo (Cow Palace)

November

- General LSRA board meeting

December

- General LSRA board meeting
- * Christmas/ Tree Lighting Parade

January

- General LSRA board meeting
- * Directors & Associate Directors Holiday Dinner
- Chamber of Commerce Mixer

February

- General LSRA board meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Mixer

