

# UNION COUNTY FAIR QUEEN, PRINCESS & LITTLE MISS CONTEST

Superintendent: Hailey McCord

Contest: Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

## **Rules & Eligibility Requirements:**

1. QUEEN Candidates must be unmarried and between the ages of 16-21.
2. PRINCESS Candidates must be between the ages of 13-15. LITTLE MISS Candidates must be between the ages of 9-12. All ages must be as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Candidates must be a resident of Union County or a member of Union County 4-H/FFA. If a Titleholder moves out of residency during their reign, title and any awards will be forfeited and given to the next runner up.
4. Candidates and Titleholders shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Union County Fair Board.
5. Should any Titleholder become pregnant and/or married during her reign, she then will forfeit her benefits derived by title and the next qualified runner-up shall assume title.
6. Candidates and Titleholders may not have criminal charges against them or have never been found guilty of a felony or other serious criminal activities.
7. Candidates are not allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or be under the influence of narcotics at any time after entry is received.
8. Titleholders are not allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or be under the influence of narcotics at any time during her reign. Any unsatisfactory behavior of a Titleholder can and will be cause for dismissal and relinquishment of title and any awards.
9. Candidates are required to wear western attire for all functions related to the contest.
10. Hat and boots are mandatory.
11. Recipients will reign for one year and may hold title for 2 years.
12. It is recommended that the Union County Fair Queen Represent Union County by entering the New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest at the end of her reign, but it is NOT required. If entered, the Union County Fair Queen shall abide by all rules and regulations of the State Fair Queen Contest.
13. Candidates currently holding any fair, rodeo, pageant, or royalty title from another county, organization, or event are not eligible to participate in the Union County Fair Queen, Princess, or Little Miss Contest. Candidates must complete any existing reigns before entering this contest.

## **Horsemanship Requirements:**

1. Candidates must be able to demonstrate basic horsemanship skills.
2. Candidates must ride a western saddle and use a western bridle.
3. Candidates must be able to ride split reins, one-handed. Bosal hackamores and ring snaffle bits are considered illegal.
4. Candidates must wear a white long sleeve button-up shirt, blue denim jeans, boots and a western hat with her hair pulled back.

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5. Queen and Princess candidates will demonstrate the same pattern whereas Little Miss Candidates will demonstrate a more basic version.

## **Entry Deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please call or text Hailey McCord at (575) 207-9366 to enter.

## Speeches

The speech portion of the contest will begin at 9:00 am and has a two-minute minimum required time limit. Candidates are to speak about anything with a western theme. Speeches will take place at the Union County Extension Office.

## Personal Interviews

The personal interview portion of the contest will be face to face. Interviews will begin immediately after the speech portion of the contest at the Union County Extension Office.

## Horsemanship

The Horsemanship portion of the contest is to demonstrate the candidate's horsemanship skills while correctly performing the pattern. The Queen run is included in the horsemanship portion and will be performed after completing the pattern and arena questions. The horsemanship portion of the contest will begin 30 minutes after personal interviews to allow candidates to change their attire, saddle and warm up. This will take place at the Union County Fair Grounds Rodeo Arena.

## SCORING: Scoring will be done as follows:

1. Speech - 45 total points available
2. Personal Interviews - 45 total points available
3. Overall Appearance – 10 total points available
4. Horsemanship & Queen Run – 100 total points available

## Responsibility Of Titleholders:

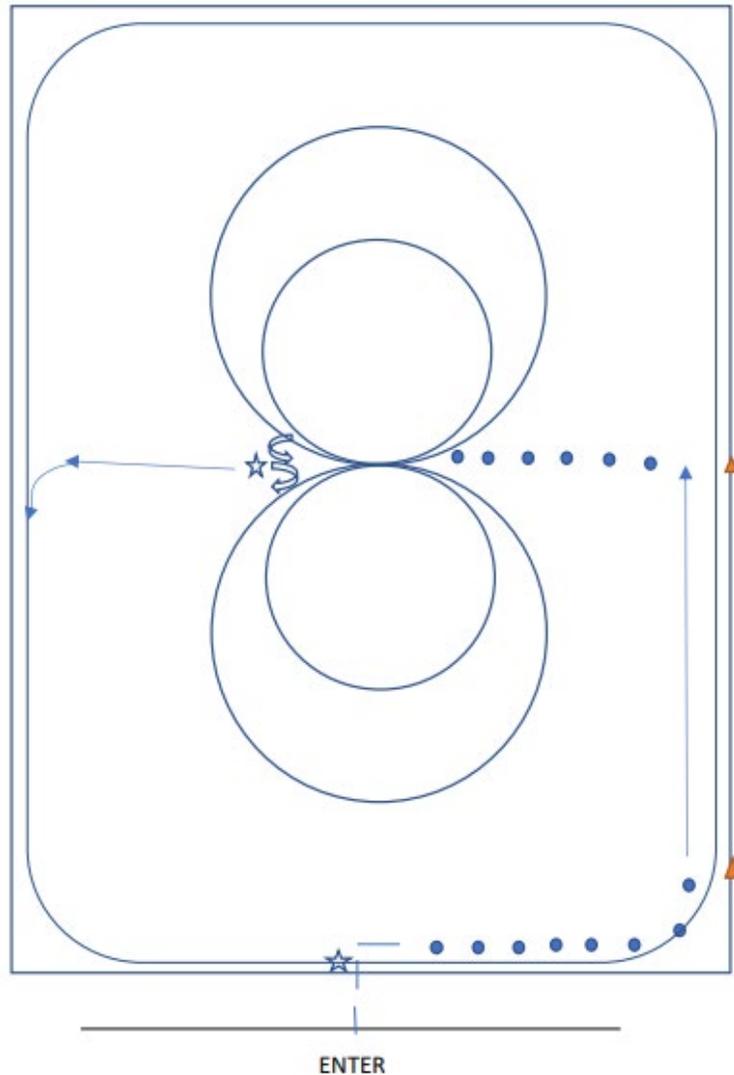
**Responsibilities of titleholders are REQUIRED. If a titleholder does not comply with these responsibilities it will result in relinquishment of title and any awards.**

1. Attend each species show at the county fair to present ribbons, awards and appear in photos
3. Carry flags in the Clayton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Rodeo
4. Carry flags in Hayden Cowboy Club Memorial Day Rodeo
5. Participate in the Clayton Football Homecoming Parade

\*Responsibilities may increase as opportunities arise\*

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## Queen and Princess Pattern

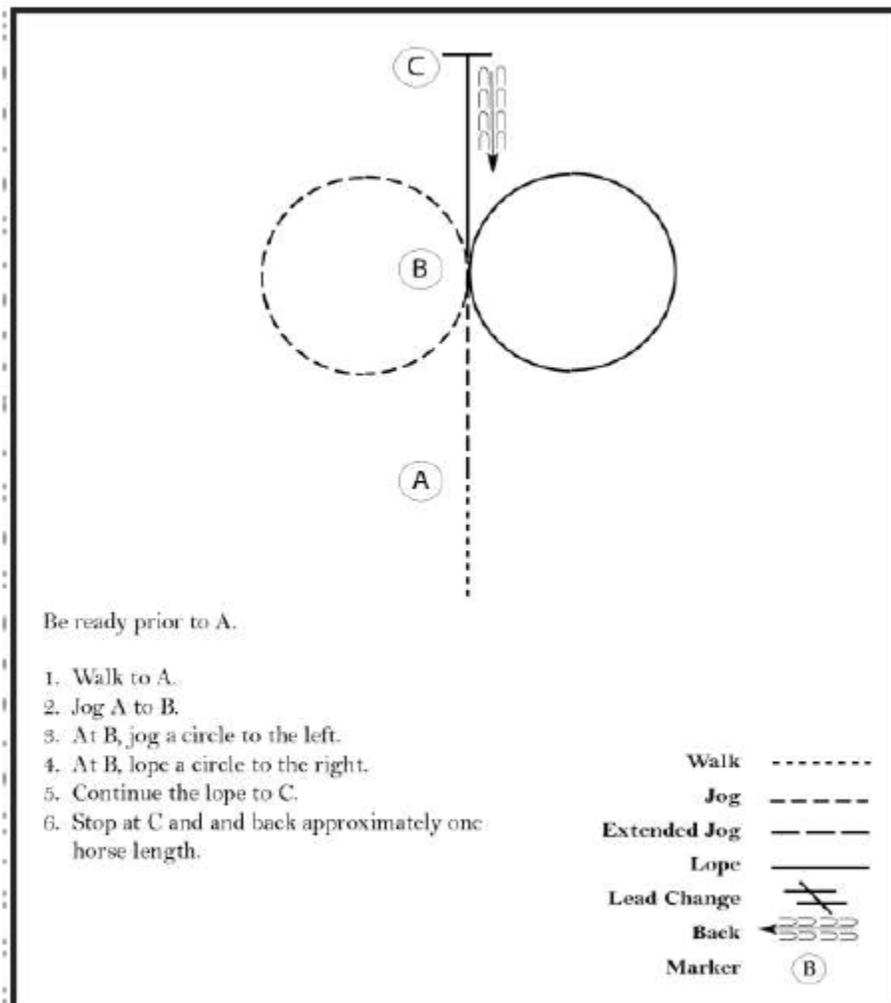


1. Enter the arena at a walk and turn right.
2. Proceed to first marker at a trot, turn left, and lope to second marker.
3. Without stopping slow to a trot and continue to center of arena.
4. Begin figure eight starting to the right on the correct lead.
5. At the center of the arena perform a left lead change while continuing figure eight.
6. At center of arena perform a right lead change and continue large, fast figure eight.
7. At center of arena perform a left lead change and continue large, fast figure eight.
8. At center of arena stop and settle.
9. Back horse 10 feet and settle.
10. Spin horse right twice, stop. Then left twice, stop and settle.
11. Make one full lap around the arena for presentation. Ride on correct lead.

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12. Stop and approach judges for arena questions.

## Little Miss Pattern



\*\* Approach judges and dismount for arena questions

\*\* Mount and begin queen's run after arena questions