

2023 UNION COUNTY FAIR QUEEN, PRINCESS & LITTLE MISS CONTEST

Superintendent: Bethany Posey

Contest: Saturday 9:00 am

Rules & Eligibility Requirements:

1. QUEEN Candidates must be unmarried and between the ages of 16-21. 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 1st of the current year.
2. Candidates must be a resident of Union County or a member of Union County 4-H/FFA.
3. Candidates and Titleholders shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Union County Fair Board.
4. 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.
5. Candidates and Titleholders may not have criminal charges against them or have never been found guilty of a felony or other serious criminal activities.
6. Candidates are not allowed to curse, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or be under the influence of narcotics at any time after entry is received. 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/or any awards.
7. Candidates are required to wear western attire for all functions related to the contest. Hat and boots are mandatory.
8. Recipients will reign for one year and may hold title for 2 years.
9. 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.

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

Entry Deadline July 1st

Please call or text Bethany at (806) 443-5561 to enter.

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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.

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.

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.

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:

1. Attend each specie show at the county fair to present ribbons, awards and appear in photos
2. Carry flags in the XIT Rodeo & Reunion Parade
3. Carry flags in the Clayton 4th of July parade and rodeo
4. Carry flags in Haydon Cowboy Club Memorial Day rodeo
5. Participate in the Clayton Football Homecoming parade

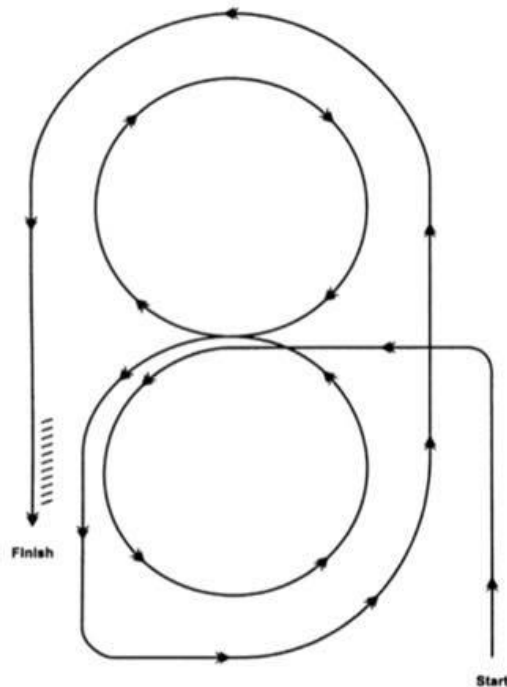
*Responsibilities may increase as opportunities arise

Queen and Princess Pattern

JR/SR HORSEMANSHIP PATTERNS

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE PATTERNS WILL BE CHOSEN AND ANNOUNCED 10 MINUTS PRIOR TO WARM UP

Pattern #1



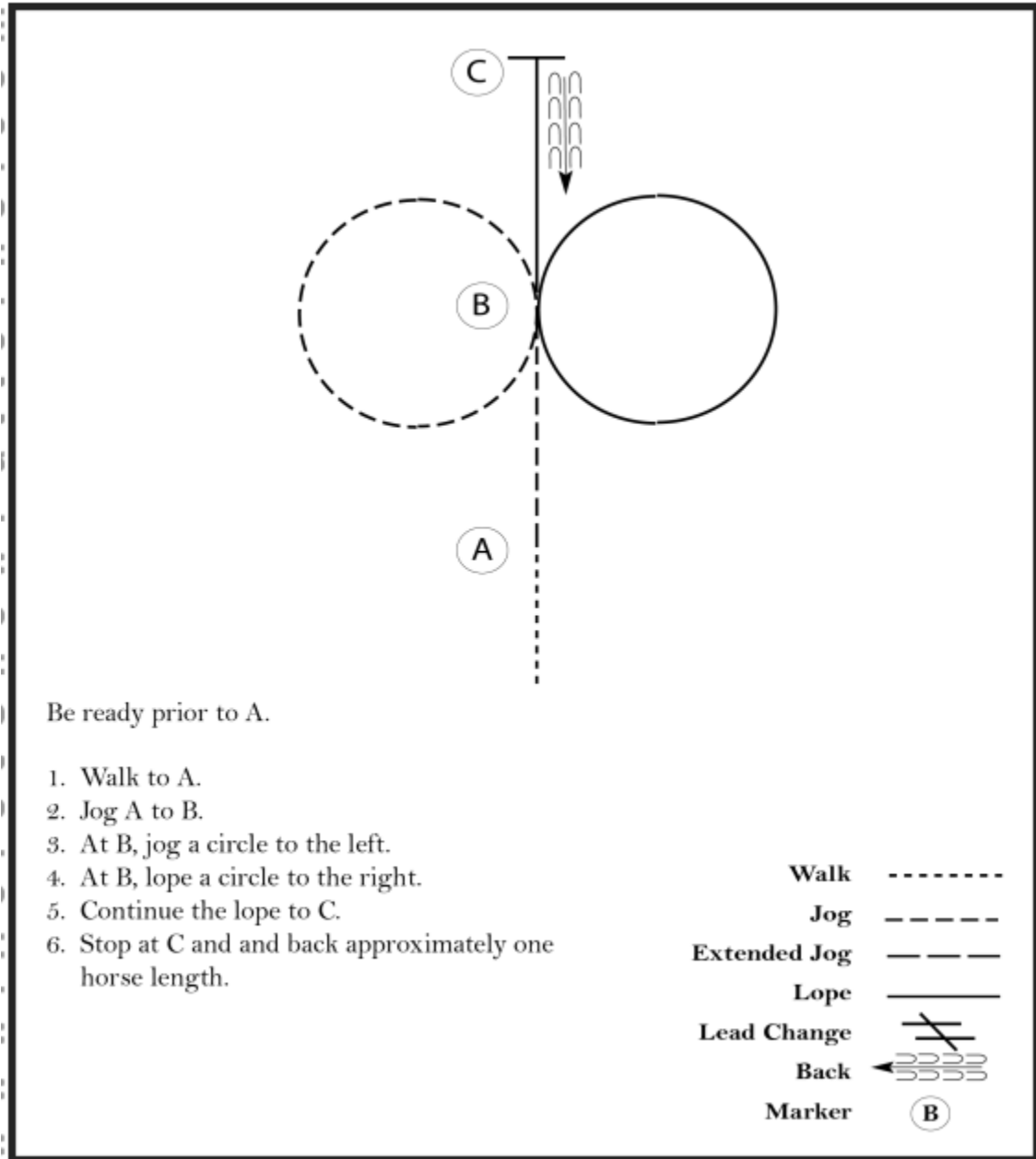
Horsemanship Pattern #1:

1. *Extended jog along side of arena, then to center*
2. *Begin lope at center of arena and lope left circle on left lead*
3. *Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead*
4. *Change leads and continue loping around end of arena*
5. *Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena*
6. *Stop and back*

** Approach judges and dismount for arena questions

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

Little Miss Pattern



** Approach judges and dismount for arena questions

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