

Mid-South Little Britches Rodeo Royalty

The MSLBRA Royalty pageant will be held annually to select three young ladies (one in each age group Senior, Junior and Little Wrangler) who will represent the association throughout the year.

The MSLBRA Pageant Committee is responsible for the ceremonies and activities necessary to select the titleholders. The committee offers direction, support and assistance to selected royalty during their reign.

Contestant shall agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the NLBRA and the MSLBRA Royalty Committee. Breaking any eligibility rules and or regulations will disqualify a contestant from the competition and cause forfeit of any prizes and or titles. Selected MSLBRA Royalty are responsible to carry the title proudly: fulfilling duties assigned by the MSLBRA Royalty Committee to the best of her ability. The MSLBRA Committee reserves the right to exercise its governing where questions may arise throughout the year.

Eligibility:

1. Contestants in the MSLBRA Royalty Pageant must be a member of the MSLBRA and compete in at least one rodeo event.
2. Contestants must compete in the age category they will be competing during the current rodeo season.
3. A MSLBRA titleholder who violates any of these rules during her reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the Committee.
4. During their reign, the MSLBRA Royalty title is the only royalty position that the contestant is allowed to hold. (If a title holder wishes to compete in the NLBRA Royalty Pageant during the year of her reign she will have to relinquish her MSLBRA title before the pageant in July at the National Finals).

Rules and Regulations:

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper, ladylike manner and portray high moral standards.
2. Each contestant is required to submit a \$30 entry fee with her application. Payment should be made to the Mid-South Little Britches Rodeo Association.
3. Each contestant must FULLY complete and return the MSLBRA Royalty Application along with any other requested documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered a valid entry.
4. Pageant judges may not be approached by a contestant or related individual with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type can result in disqualification of the contestant at the discretion of the Committee.

5. Contestants must provide their own horses, tack and handlers during the horsemanship portion of the pageant.
6. Contestants should be at all scheduled events at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Failure to do so may result in a deduction in the contestant score.
7. Contestants must provide their own transportation to and from each scheduled event.
8. Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and agree to follow the wardrobe guidelines and dress code.

Pageant Categories:

The pageant categories for judging: horsemanship, appearance, personality, interview, modeling, and impromptu. The overall winner will be crowned MSLBRA Royalty in her age division with next highest scoring individual receiving First Runner-Up. Other awards may also be given including but not limited to, congeniality or horsemanship.

Horsemanship:

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in:

1. Horsemanship: including control of mount, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled.
2. Balance, agility, and position of hands, feet, and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
3. Understanding of leads and proper execution of specific patterns.
4. Presentation ride (Queens Run/Wave and carrying of flag while completing the Grand Entry Weave).
5. Showmanship: How the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
6. Required attire for horsemanship is in the wardrobe guideline.

Other considerations in Horsemanship include, but are not limited to the following:

- The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, NOT the horse.
- Contestants should ride with one hand on the reins.
- Judges may talk to contestant, or ask horsemanship questions in the arena, during interview, and/or on stage during public appearances.
- Contestants will be asked to carry a flag. Flag boot can be used but will not be provided.

Appearance:

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Attractiveness.
2. Grooming: This should include meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Remember to wear age appropriate make-up.
3. Posture: This should include carrying oneself straight and tall with confidence and poise.
4. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation: This should include handling every type of situation with grace, style, and proper etiquette. Good sportsmanship both in and outside of the arena at all times.
5. Western Fashion Sense: This include western outfits, which are fashionable, tasteful and properly fit for the contestant. Attention will be paid to the use of color and style to enhance the contestant's personal features. Attention will be paid to suitability of the outfit for the occasion. (Clothes need not be eccentric or expensive, but should be neat, clean and appropriate).
6. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure-flattering styles altered for a personal fit, if necessary. Properly cleaned, fitted and shaped hats, which flatter the contestant's face, will be considered. Judges will look for versatility in the contestant's ability to carry out a "total look", rather than an excessive amount of clothing.
7. Knowledge of western clothing. This includes the major western wear manufacturers (such as NLBRA sponsors), trends in western wear industry and western wear sponsor of the NLBRA.

Personality:

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Intelligence and good common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high-moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
6. Self-projection (the ability to project one's personality in any situation, whether from horseback or on stage.
7. Positive outlook on life.
8. Promptness and cooperation. Please note that if a contestant fails to arrive on time for any pageant event she may be penalized or disqualified at the Committee's discretion. (It is a good idea to arrive at least 15 minutes early for each event).
9. Maturity.
10. Educational background and goals as well as career goals.

Modeling:

The purpose of this category is to judge appearance, coordination and ability to present one's self on stage.

- Routines are limited to 2 minutes.

Wardrobe Guidelines:

Horsemanship: White, long sleeve, button up shirt with collar (NO Bling on shirt), wrangler blue jeans, boots, belt, and hat (points will be deducted if your hat falls off during your pattern).

Interview: Regular rodeo attire (contestants will come straight from competition)

Modeling: Grand entry attire (no dresses or skirts) Shirts can zip but should be long sleeve. Hat and boots are required.

Judging:

The MSLBRA Royalty Committee will use the following procedures for selecting judges and for overall judging.

1. Judges are selected for their experience and qualifications. All judges will be used to judge all categories, including appearance, personality, impromptu, interview and horsemanship.
2. Decisions of the judges are final.
3. Breaking of ties: A tie for any MSLBRA Royalty Categories will be broken by the horsemanship scores, i.e. the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking. A tie in horsemanship will be broken by the interview score.

Royalty Scoring:

There will be three judges. The contest winners will be determined by the total of the judge's scores. The contestant with the highest score in each age division will be crowned the winner.

The categories for judging are as follows.

Modeling: 25 points per judge for a total of 75 points

Impromptu question: 50 points per judge for a total of 150 points (these will be age appropriate)

Interview: 100 points per judge for a total of 300

Personality: 25 points per judge for a total of 75 points.

Appearance: 50 points per judge for a total of 150 points.

Horsemanship: 100 points per judge for a total of 300 points.

Horsemanship to be broken down as follows: Flag presentation -50 points, queen run – 50 points.

This allows for a total possible 1,050 points per contestant.