



MISS SAN BENITO RODEO CONTEST 2023

The competition is open to women 17 years of age as of June 1st, 2023, and have not reached their 21st birthdays as of July 31st, 2023. Entrants must be single, non-parents, and eligible to participate in the Saddle Horse Show and Rodeo. There is no entry fee for this contest. Entrants will be required to sign an acceptance of responsibility and a liability waiver.

Contestants will be judged on:

- Horsemanship (40%)
- Communication Skills (20%)
- Appearance and Poise (15%)
- Presentation (15%)
- Scholarship (10%)

Horsemanship is judged on a short reining pattern, equitation, flag run, and presentation run. Attire will consist of blue or colored jeans, long-sleeved shirt, hat, and boots. This one outfit must be worn throughout the entire competition. Chaps, spurs, hobbles, and lariat/riata are optional – but recommended. Communication Skills, Appearance and Poise, and Presentation judging will include a brief interview. The Scholarship portion will be a short quiz based on San Benito County and local Horse Show history.

The duties of Miss San Benito Rodeo include attendance at the annual Membership BBQ, Rodeo Family BBQ, daily Grand Entry at the Saddle Horse Show, and the Sunday Awards Presentation at the Show. Winner will also be required to represent the Association throughout the year at the California Rodeo in Salinas, local community functions, the San Benito County Fair, the Junior Rodeo and the Cattlemen's Dinner Dance.

The winner will receive a sponsorship as Miss San Benito Rodeo at the California Rodeo in the year that she completes her reign as Miss San Benito Rodeo. Runners-up in the contest will carry flags for the Downtown Parade and Grand Entry each day of the show.

Entries **MUST** be received in the Horse Show office by Friday, May 5th, 2023. CONTEST will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Bolado Park. Contestants are to arrive at Bolado Park at 9:00 a.m.

Application forms will be available Friday, March 31st, 2023.

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RULES

1. Contestant must be between the ages of 17 as of June 1st, 2023, and not yet reached her 21st birthday as of July 31st, 2023.
2. Contestant must be single, non-parent and eligible to participate in the Saddle Horse Show and Rodeo.
3. Contestant must furnish her own horse and tack for the contest.
4. Contestant must wear one outfit throughout the entire competition.
5. A curb, half-breed, or Spanish bit is allowed with leather or flat chain curb larger than 1/2" wide. Snaffle, snaffle bosal, mechanical hackamore, martingale, or tie-downs are not permitted. Reins to be held in one hand and cannot be split.
6. Stud horses will not be allowed in the contest.
7. Contestant may enter event more than one year but may only win once.
8. There is no entry fee for the privilege of entering.
9. Each contestant must sign an acceptance of responsibility and liability waiver.
10. Contestants and winner represent the San Benito County Saddle Horse Association and will conduct themselves in a moral and respectful manner during their complete time as representatives.
11. Katie Muenzer will be the Photographer, this year. Date for pictures to be determined at a later date.
12. Entries must be submitted to the Association office at Bolado Park in person or by mail: P O Box 529, Tres Pinos CA 95075 or by e-mail: office@sanbenitocountyrodeo.com. Entries must be received in the office by Friday, May 5th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
13. The contest will be June 3rd, 2023
The Membership Barbecue will be June 18th, 2023
The Downtown Parade will be held June 17th, 2023
The Horse Show and Rodeo will be June 23rd, 24th and June 25th, 2023
The Rodeo Family Barbecue will be June 24th, 2023

ALL contestants should keep these dates available and are expected and required to attend these Association functions. The winner of the contest will also attend numerous community functions in the month of June to help promote and represent the Saddle Horse Show and Rodeo.

MISS SAN BENITO RODEO CONTEST 2023 APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

SPECIAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES (NOT HORSE RELATED):

RODEO, HORSE SHOW OR ANY HORSE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ENJOY OR PARTICIPATE IN:

Please write in complete sentences. This will be read by a lot of people.

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LIABILITY WAIVER

IN CONSIDERATION of the acceptance of the within entry, I hereby release the San Benito County Saddle Horse Association, and the officers and members thereof, and each of them, of and from all and every claim for damages which may occur to me at any time hereafter, in favor of myself, my heirs, representatives, or dependents, against said San Benito County Saddle Horse Association, its officers and members, or any of them, by reason of any injury, loss or damage, which may be suffered by me or them or any of them because of any matter, thing or condition, negligence, or default, whatsoever, and I hereby assume and accept the full risk and danger of any hurt, injury, or damage which may occur through or by reason of any matter, thing, conditions, and parades, or any of them held or given by or under the direction of said San Benito County Saddle Horse Association.

Name: _____

Date: _____ Birthdate (if a minor): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

(For applicants under 18 years)

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JUDGING CRITERIA

Categories 1-3 will consist of a brief interview in front of the judges, family, and friends. We encourage a friendly atmosphere and look forward to getting to know each contestant.

Category 1: Communication Skills (20%)

- a. Speaking Skills – effective use of language, ease of expressions, good speaking speed
- b. Interaction/Listening Skills – eye contact, acknowledges others' communications
- c. Intention – clearness of thought, easily understood, speaks with certainty
- d. Attention – shows interest in what others are saying

Category 2: Appearance and Poise (15%)

- a. One western outfit must be worn throughout the entire contest (Blue or colored jeans, long-sleeved shirt, hat, and boots. Chaps and spurs are optional but recommended.)
- b. Overall Appearance – neat, clean, groomed
- c. Poise – calm, composed, posture, carriage

Category 3: Presentation (15%)

- a. Confidence – comfortable with self and others
- b. Sociability – warm, open, friendly, affable
- c. Enthusiasm – interested, glad to be participating

Category 4: Horsemanship (40%)

Contestants will be judged in a group at walk, trot, and lope. Each contestant will individually present to the judges, dismount, drop bridle, re-bridle, remount, and perform the reining pattern provided. The pattern consists of two lead changes in a figure-eight pattern, two long runs with a stop and one and one half turns in each direction followed by a short run to the center of the track with a stop and back-up of 12 – 15 feet. At the completion of the reining pattern, the contestant will perform a slow flag run and follow with a presentation run with queen's wave to the grandstand, judges, and audience. Points will be awarded as follows:

- Equitation – 15 points
- Reining – 10 points
- Queen's Run – 10 points
- Overall appearance – 5 points

Category 5: Scholarship (10%)

There will be a short quiz to evaluate the contestant's knowledge of horses, tack, San Benito County, and local horse show history. This portion will be considered in the case of a tie between contestants to determine a winner.

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REINING PATTERN

1. The horsemanship portion will be performed in the arena.
2. The equitation portion will start first, with all contestants going at the same time. Judges will give instructions for direction and gait (walk, jog, lope).
3. At the completion of the equitation work, please line up as a group facing the judges. One at a time, each contestant will ride forward, dismount, drop bit, acknowledge the judge, re-bridle horse, check curb, check cinch, and remount horse. When all have completed this portion, clear the arena.
4. For the reining portion, contestants will perform individually. Enter from the south gate and trot out to the center of arena and face the judges.
5. Start on left lead in a circle, change to right lead at center of figure-eight, change back to left lead when returning to center of figure-eight and complete the circle – stopping in the center facing judges once again.
6. Starting at the south end of the arena, make a long straight run and stop. Make one and one-half turns to the right and make a second long straight run and stop. Make one and one-half turns to the left and make a straight run to the center of the arena stopping in front of the judges. Back up horse 12-15 feet in a straight line.
7. Return to entry gate to pick up flag. Make one large circle around the arena at a rate/speed you are comfortable with.
8. Drop off the flag at the south gate where you entered. Make a presentation run up the track fence and return to the exit gate where you began.

