



Welcome to the 2018 Gilroy Rodeo Queen Competition!

The Gilroy Rodeo celebrates the tradition of having a dynamic young lady serve as Miss Gilroy Rodeo. Candidates who compete for the coveted title must not only display exceptional horsemanship skills, but speak intelligently and display dignity in all situations. During her reign, Miss Gilroy Rodeo represents the Gilroy Rodeo and our community at events and rodeos throughout California.

The Gilroy Rodeo Royalty Committee encourages you to read this manual in its entirety. As it contains an in depth overview of the competition and scoring.

ELIGIBILITY

Contestants must:

- Between 16-24 years of age
- Residing in Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey or Santa Cruz county
- Complete contest application, contestant expectations and make payment (check made payable to Gilroy Rodeo) by the deadline

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday July 31st, 2018

Applications are due

Payment and/or paper applications must be postmarked by *Friday, July 29th*

Thursday August 9th, 2018

8:00 AM Horsemanship

Rodeo Arena

10:00 AM Personal Interview

Rodeo Office at Ranch Location

12:00 PM Knowledge Test

Rodeo Office at Ranch Location

12:00-6:00 PM Break

6:30-9:00 PM Personality/ Rodeo Promotions
Fifth Street Live Downtown Gilroy

Friday August 10th, 2018

Time TBD Impromptu Question
Special Rodeo Event

Sunday August 12th, 2018

Time TBD Presentation of Awards
Rodeo Arena

EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

Horsemanship

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

- Control of mount, proper arena etiquette, and the way each situation that may occur is handled
- Balance, ability, and position of hands, feet, and seat when riding at a reasonable rate of speed for the activity.
 - Contestants will ride with one hand on the reins.
- Understanding of leads and proper execution of specific patterns.
- Mounting and dismounting
- Presentation ride (Queens Run / Wave)
- Ability to carry a flag from horseback with grace
- Knowledge of horsemanship and horse science
 - The Queen contestant will be asked to dismount from her horse at the end of the ride and will be interviewed by judges
 - The following categories may be used for horsemanship interview topics: knowledge of tack or horse science (including feeding, grooming, and parts of the horse)
- Showmanship: How the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.

Attire: Blue western style jeans, plain white western top, western boots and hat. No chaps are allowed in this portion of the competition. Hair should be pulled back into a ponytail.

Note: Contestant's must provide their own horses and equipment, *excluding* a flag and rod.

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Personal Interview

Contestants will be individually asked a series of questions by a panel of judges. This portion of the contest is meant to provide the judges with an in depth look at the interviewees values and experiences, much like a job interview.

Attire: A complete outfit consisting of western cut jeans of any style or color with a coordinating long-sleeved blouse that should be worn with the shirt-tail tucked in. Accessories (western hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color.

Knowledge Test

For this portion of the contest, candidates will complete a 25 question written exam covering the following topics:

- Gilroy history
- Horse science
- Rodeo knowledge (rules, history, etc.)

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Note: A detailed study guide for the exam will be provided on the Gilroy Rodeo website. Each question will be worth 4 points for a possible score of 100 points.

Impromptu Question

All contestants will be asked two questions in front of a live audience. These questions are aimed to assess the candidate's reaction in an "on the spot" or potentially uncomfortable situation.

Questions will be drawn at random and can encompass any of the following topics:

- Rodeo awareness and controversy
- Animal rights/animal welfare
- Gilroy news
- Agriculture literacy

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Note: Sample questions can be found in the competition study guide on the Gilroy Rodeo Website

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Rodeo Promotions

To evaluate the contestant's ability to interact with the public as a spokesperson for Gilroy Rodeo, she will be observed in a public event setting. The potential queens will mingle at the Gilroy Rodeo sponsored downtown music event to spread awareness the Thursday before the rodeo performance.

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SCORING AND JUDGING

The Gilroy Rodeo Royalty Committee will use the following procedures for judging:

- Judges are selected for their experience and qualifications
 - One judge will be used to judge all categories
 - 2 specialist judges will be present at each of the events. These judges will be assigned to the category they have experience in.
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- In the event of a category tie, the judges will make the decision to break the tie based on their notes. However, no points will be added or subtracted from a contestant's score.
- In the event of a tie for the title of Miss Gilroy Rodeo, the pageant judges will make the decision. Again, no points will be added or subtracted from any contestant's scores in any part of the competition.
- The contestants will not have access to the judges' sheets. However, at the conclusion of the competition they may ask for feedback about their performance.
- The head judge will collect the judging sheets and put them into an envelope, seal and sign the envelope. The sealed envelope will be delivered to the accountant for tabulation.
- Each portion of the contest will have 100 points allocated to the total score.
 - At the conclusion of each category, the 3 judges scores will be averaged to receive a final score out of 100
 - Then, these individual category scores will be summed to receive a total score
 - The woman with the highest number of points out of 500 will receive the title of Miss Gilroy Rodeo
 - The contestants will receive deductions for failure to follow the guidelines in this manual

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