

CHSRA District 8 Queen Contest Schedule and General Information

Schedule (tentative and subject to change):

Thursday, March 5th – Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop, CA

12:00 pm – 7:00 pm Arena and Tilliman Buildings available for practice, Queen Committees on site for assistance

Friday, March 6th – Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop, CA

8:30 am Contestant Check-In (Orientation for Junior High and High School)

(Judges arrival and set up)

9:00 am Written Test for Junior High and High School

10:00 am Personal Interviews for Junior High and High School

2:00pm Horsemanship for Junior High and High School

5:00pm Modeling, speech and impromptu questions for Junior High and High School

Sunday, March 8th – Tri-county Fairgrounds, Bishop, CA

TBD Crowning/Coronation – during rodeo

One outfit (western casual) will be work for check-in, written test and personal interviews – western blouse (color of choice), blue jeans, boots, belt and cowboy hat. Horsemanship outfits will be Cinch/Cruel blue denim jeans with a plain white cotton blouse or shift (no ruffles, accessories or tuxedo shirts). Please bring and be prepared to wear your regular rodeo back number during the written test, personal interviews and horsemanship portions of the contest

Contest is closed to the public for written test and personal interviews. Spectators are welcome to attend the horsemanship, modeling, speech and impromptu portions. State Rules and Horsemanship pattern are attached for reference.

Application is due on date entries close, please email complete application (written application and headshot to: carlyc1978@gmail.com. You may text headshot to 909-534-3389.

The Queen contest should follow the event director chain of command and contact the Queen Coordinator for timeline information and Queen Contest packet. Questions are welcomed and encouraged! Only contestants should make inquiries per chain of command (if a contestant does not have a means of communication, they may utilize parents' phone or email). It is respectfully requested that no parents nor coaches reach out to the Queen Coordinator or Queens for more information, per event director chain of command.

This is going to be a great year to serve as the D8 Queens.

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Thank you,
Lauren Quinn, 2025-2026 Miss CHSRA District 8 Queen
Rian Cummins, 2025-2026 Miss CJHRA District 8 Queen
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District 8 HS and JH Queen Role and Responsibilities During Reign

Role:

A rodeo queen is an ambassador to the sport of rodeo, the District 8/CHSRA local and NHSRA sponsors, and her community. A rodeo queen is a leader and serves as a member of the Student Board. A rodeo queen is an educator on the sport of rodeo and the western lifestyle. While a rodeo queen is a cowgirl, she first must be a lady. Proper conduct and being appropriately dressed is always expected.

Required attire:

Queen crown, sash, buckle and chaps are to be worn at every rodeo grand entry, guest appearances (as appropriate), rodeo appearances, parade appearances and district photo opportunities. As appropriate to the event or venue, crown and sash may be worn in place of the contestant back number.

Rodeo Responsibilities:

HS Queen is responsible for storing and transporting district flags for the student board and sponsors to all district rodeos. Flags are distributed and collected by Queen Parent/Adult Associate Member* at each home rodeo for grand entry. Queen is responsible for bringing the District 8 flag when visiting other districts, to Mid-State, Challenge of the Champions, and to State Finals. JH Queen will need to take the district flag to JH State Finals and other events, as needed. HS Queen is responsible for collaborating with the Queen Coordinator throughout the year on social media presence. The Queens must be on time and present at ground rules meetings.

*Parent/Adult Associate Member will lead the grand entry work crew for home rodeos.

Student Board Member Responsibilities:

HS and JH Queens are to attend all monthly District 8 zoom board meetings to support, provide input, and fill in as necessary.

Queens are also required to attend (subject to change):

- State board meeting held in Santa Nella in August, typically first weekend of month
- State board meeting held in Santa Nella in November, typically first Saturday
- State board meeting at Challenge of the Champions in March, typically mid-March
- State board meeting at State Finals in May (JH) and June (HS), typically mid-month

*refer to CHSRA.com for exact dates and more information

Additional CHSRA District 8 Important Information:

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- One adult associate member must always be in dress code as the Queen's assistant and in preparation for handling a horse, entering the arena, or other duties as needed at the rodeo or event.
- Rodeo Queen reign begins at the end of the last rodeo of the season (mid-April) and runs until announcement of the following Queen contest winner or the completion of the last rodeo of the current season, whichever occurs later.
- Exiting Queens must be prepared to transfer crown, spare sash, and chaps in clean appearance and ready condition to incoming Queens at the close of the Queen contest or the end of the last day rodeo competition dependent upon the schedule and timeline of when the Queen contest is held. New sash is given to the incoming Queen at State Finals (provided by state).
- Exiting Queen will transfer district flags and district banner to incoming Queen at the close of the last rodeo.
- First required Queen duty is at the end of the season's last rodeo for District 8 photo with State Qualifiers. *Recommend taking waist up and full-length headshots for State HS and JH Queen contests at the time with crown and sash (chaps recommended)
- First required Queen appearance is at the Year End Awards Banquet in late April or early May.
- Queens and Parent/Adult Associate Members, with Queen Coordinator support, when possible, are responsible for planning, purchasing, bringing to venue, and coordinating a work crew for decorating District 8 grandstand sections at Challenge of the Champions and State Finals. The removal of décor/stand clean up and possible storage of remaining décor is required. Reusable district reimbursed décor items are to be stored and passed to the incoming Queen for continued use. *****Check with board prior to making purchases regarding allowable amount for reimbursement*****
- District 8 banner is required at State Finals. Optional at Challenge of the Champions and district photo opportunities.
- Queen may decorate Queen's stall at State Finals per State guidelines.
- HS Queen is required to write and submit Queen's Corner articles for CHSRA Newspaper.
- Queens will be asked to be available for guests and sponsor appearances and rodeos, as needed by the board.
- Queens are encouraged to participate as visiting royalty at PRCA/IPRA or other local rodeos within a reasonable distance from residence. This does require prior Queen Coordinator notification and board approval. The Queen must contact the rodeo officials for additional information regarding participation.
- Queens will be required to write and send thank you cards as requested by the board and Queen Coordinator, as appropriate.

CHSRA State/District Contest Rules

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Judging: There are six (6) judges total (5 and one alternate). The same judges will be used to judge every portion of the contest. The alternate judge's score will only be used to break a tie. The highest and lowest score of each contestant in each category will be eliminated and the remaining three will be added to determine the final score.

CATEGORIES

Written Test 1-25 points possible

The written test will consist of 50 questions from the NHSRA Rule Book. There will be 17 True/False, 17 Multiple Choice and 16 Fill in the Blank questions. Each question is worth a percentage or (0.5 points). Dress code is western casual (color of choice). Cuffs and collars are required.

Personal Interview 1-50 points possible

The time limit for each contestant is 10 minutes. Judges will have questions prepared prior to the personal interviews. Questions will cover current events, rodeo/horse knowledge, the NHSRA, contestants' biography, state information, etc. Dress code is western casual (there will not be time to change from written test). Cuffs and collars are required.

Modeling 1-25 points possible

Contestants' biography will be read during modeling portion. Dress code is fancy western – option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress paints, jeans and shirts. Cuffs and collars are required.

Speech 1-50 points possible

There will be a two (2) minute time limit on the speech category for High School contestants and one (1) minute time limit on speech category for Junior High contestants. There will be a timer who will notify you when the time limit is reached and the contestants will only be allowed to complete the sentence in which they are speaking. Dress dose is fancy western – option of suits, dresses, skirts, blouses, dress paints, jeans and shirts. Cuffs and collars are required.

Speech topic is: "Your country, your state or province or anything with a western theme."

Impromptu Questions 1-25 points possible

All contestants will be asked the same impromptu questions on stage – different for high school and junior high. Contestants will be in a sequestered area prior to being asked the questions and will be called out one by one to answer questions. The question may be on any topic

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ranging from rodeo knowledge or current events to a question that shows your true personality.

Horsemanship 1-50 points possible

There is one combined pattern. The judges will mark two (2) scores of 1-25 for each section of the pattern to make the total points possible of 50. The first part of the pattern is the reigning pattern, and the second part is the grand entry flag presentation and the queen presentation and sliding stop. Dress code is plain white shirt (no ruffles, embellishments, or adornments allowed) and dark blue denim Cinch/Cruel jeans. Cuffs and collars are required. Contestants will wear their back numbers. Tack used in Horsemanship must be western style. Tie downs are allowed. There may be inspection prior to the first contestant competing for all contestants.

*At state: you will wear your back number and sash and crown. This will be the only time you will wear both your back number and sash and crown together.

Appearance 1-25 points possible

The contestant will be judged on their appearance throughout the contest. The contestant will be judged on their choice of clothing, fit, hair, make-up and personal style. Remember it is not how much you spend on your outfits that you wear but is about how you wear the outfits that you choose.

Personality 1-25 points possible

The contestant will be judged on her personality throughout the contest. The contestant will be judged on how she acts in every phase and the manner in which she carries herself. Remember that you are always a queen, no matter where you are.

Cuff and Collar Rule

Cuff – a cuff can be fabric that is turned up at the end of the sleeve, a detachable band, or a stitched line at the end of the sleeve that has been turned under and enhanced or adorned.

Collar – a collar is to be raised at least one (1) inch on the neck. It can be a mock style collar which rises straight up on the neck or a lapel style collar that folds down on the shirt or dress.

Fancy Western

This dress code is western style pants or slacks and western style shirt or blouses, in addition, dresses and skirts are allowed. No vests or jackets are allowed during the competition.

Western Casual

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This dress code is western style pants or slacks and western style shirts or blouses, NO DRESSES. No vests or jackets are allowed during competition.

A violation of any dress code requirement during any part of the contest will result in a 5-point penalty from each judge.

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2026 National High School Rodeo Queen Contest – Contestant Biography

Use typewriter or computer to complete. No handwritten copies. Use this original form only.
No other resume, computer altered biography or additional pages will be accepted.
You can find this form in a fill-in format at www.nhsra.com [HERE](#)

Only this portion will be read for the modeling competition.

State/Province: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

2025-2026 Grade: _____ Hometown: _____

Parent's Names:

School Name:

Rodeo Events:

How many years in NHSRA, including JH? _____

Speech Title:

Academic Achievements: _____

Other Activities: _____

Future Plans After High School Rodeo: _____

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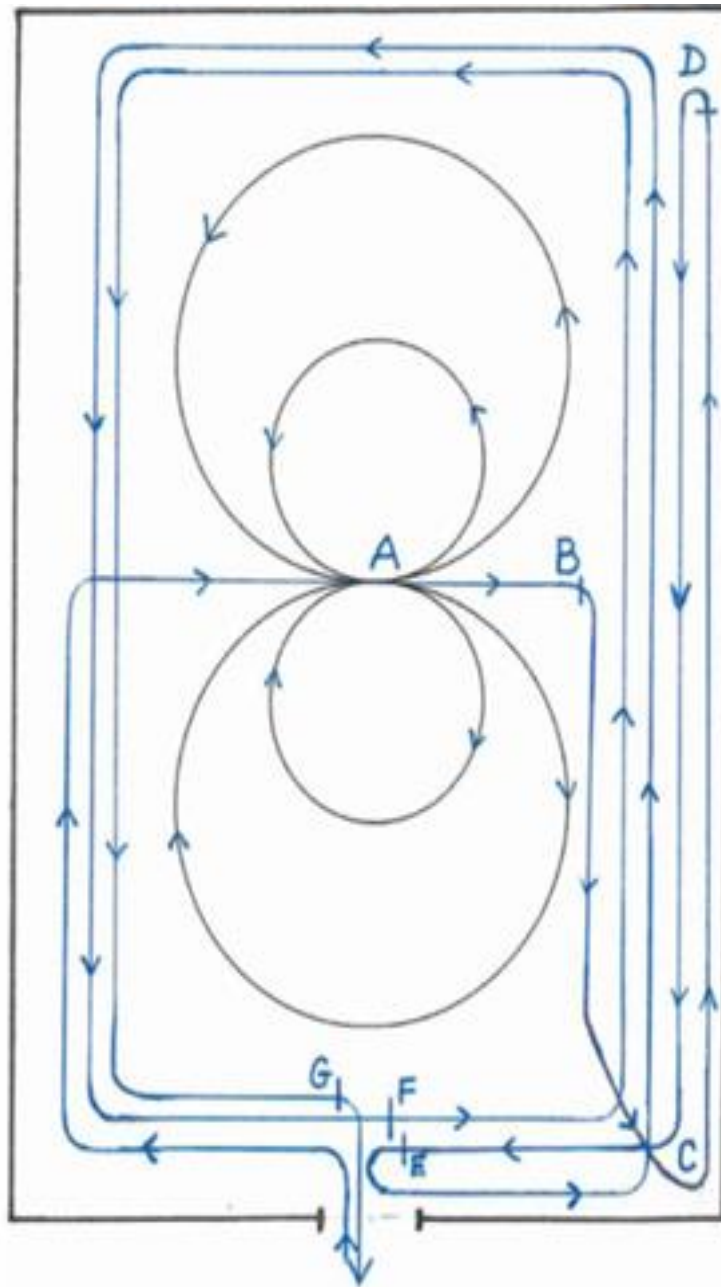
My Horse:

If you had one wish come true, what would it be? _____

Any other comments, about yourself: _____

****Must be turned in with headshots by March Rodeo (Bishop) entry closure.**

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Enter the arena and walk to Position A. Begin figure 8 work to the right at a fast lope and make the larger figure 8. Reduce speed and go into the smaller figure 8. Stop at Position B. Trot to Position C. Begin fast pace at Position C, coming to a stop at Position D. Turn away from fence at Position D and proceed to the Exit gate at a fast pace doing a presentation ride. Stop at gate. Make a 180 degree turn to the left (towards gate) at Position E. Take flag from contest personnel and circle the arena once at a speed of the contestant's choice. Stop at the gate and hand flag to contest personnel at Position F. Make a second circle around arena as a presentation ride. Come to a stop at the gate at Position G and exit the arena.

The Horsemanship portion of the NHSRA Queen contest is to demonstrate the ability of the contestant to show herself and her horsemanship skills. Therefore, the NHSRA has adopted the following pattern to demonstrate basic horsemanship skills such as controlling speed, increasing speed, picking up correct leads, displaying a flag while presenting herself in a manner that demonstrates the poise and elegance associated with the title of 'Queen'. In an effort to eliminate the need for a finished reining horse, judges will be critiquing basic horsemanship skills, appearance and presentation while correctly performing the adopted pattern.