

2026 GJRA QUEEN INFORMATION

On behalf of myself and the entire GJRA association, we are thrilled to have your interest in our upcoming rodeo queen pageant! Below is everything you should know about the pageant and what your year as the 2026 Miss GJRA queen or princess will look like!

Thank you, Emma Haslerig.

<u>What are the Categories to be judged?</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.) Modeling	50
2.) Personality	25
3.) Appearance	25
4.) Horsemanship Interview (possible questions attached)	50
5.) Speech	50
6.) Horsemanship (pattern attached)	50
7.) Photogenic (head/shoulder shot only, western attire)	25

Okay so 1st things.....

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN NOW?

3 things that MUST be turned in to me by MAY 25

- 1.) Sponsor.** \$50 sponsorship fee **PAID** with Cognito form. You will wear a sash with their company name the duration of the contest.
- 2.) Complete the Queen Contest Biography.** This will be used during the horsemanship portion of the contest and will be given to the judges.
- 3.) Photo.** Head and shoulder shot in western attire to be used in the Queen contest program. Email a digital copy to me @ ebbarrelhorses@gmail.com

What outfits are needed for the Contest?

- 1.) Modeling and Speech. Outfit of your choice, BUT must be western attire.
- 2.) Horsemanship – plain white western rodeo shirt, cowboy hat and dark washed jeans
- 3.) Saturday-Crowning will take place in conjunction with our final awards at the conclusion of the rodeo. Western attire is required

WESTERN ATTIRE – Jeans, Western Shirt with collar (can be a stand- up collar), Boots, Belt and Hat. You will also wear your sponsor sash.

What is required of the GJRA Queen?

- 1.) You will be an ambassador of the GJRA. It is possible you will be called on to represent the association for media and charity purposes.
- 2.) You will be responsible for the transportation of the American, Georgia and sponsorship flags.
- 3.) You will be responsible for executing each grand entry and openings at each rodeo.
- 4.) You will assist in fundraising as necessary with assistance from the GJRA officers.

5.) You will participate in the contest and crowning ceremony of the next queen.

What are the rewards of the GJRA Queen?

Other than representing the State of Georgia and the sport of rodeo, you will learn poise, self-confidence, leadership skills...and all that other stuff your parents are always talking about to prepare you for success. Along with the privilege of wearing our crown and riding under the shadow of Ole' Gory in each grand entry.

Horsemanship Interview Questions:

Here is a list of questions you may be asked:

- Identify parts of your tack and/or horse
- The general rules of roughstock and timed events (What is the mark out?, etc.,)
- What is your favorite event?
- The care and maintenance of your horse

Your Director

For those of you who do not know me, please come find me and say "Hi!". As a former rodeo queen myself and now a mother, I feel passionate about the opportunities that being a rodeo queen can offer our children. The scholarships I obtained through pageantry helped me to pursue a degree at the University of Mississippi as well as make lasting connections in all areas of life.

I know that it may seem overwhelming but our goal is to create a welcoming environment that fosters girls who become more confident in themselves.

If you need assistance with anything, please reach out. I am here to help you!

-Emma Haslerig

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GJRA Tentative Schedule

(Exact times, details will be determined and available as time draws nearer and we know how many contestants we will have).

You must arrive **ON TIME** for each part of the competition or you may be disqualified. This will be the discretion of the queen director, association President and judges. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early.

Friday, JUNE 12

11 AM

- Check in begins at the announcers stand where you will receive your sponsor sash and a timed schedule of the day.
- Turn in Photogenic Picture (25 points)

NOON

Roll Call and Horsemanship (50 points)

- Meet at the roping box end of arena. Be saddled and dressed for Horsemanship Pattern. Patterns enclosed in packet.
- There may be cattle, goats and sheep penned at the end of the arena during Horsemanship. Be sure your horse is comfortable with this possibility.
- Dress for horsemanship is dark jeans, solid white PLAIN WESTERN SHIRT. Long sleeves, collar and cuffs, hat, banner/sash and number are a must. Numbers will be provided.
- Horsemanship will begin with the queen contestants first, followed by the princess categories.
- Your bio will be read during your completion of the horsemanship pattern.
- Your horsemanship interview will take place in the arena at the end of your pattern.
- Reminder: White collared shirt, dark denim jeans, hat, belt and boots are your attire for this portion of the pageant.
- You may NOT have your horsemanship horse in the arena at any time following the beginning of the pageant on this day.
- Following horsemanship, we urge every contestant to quickly change into their speech and modeling attire. We will then meet in the dance hall.

- Modeling and speech (50 points each) to follow

- Speeches for Queens have a 2-3minute time limit, Princess and Tiny Miss have a 1-minute time limit. They will be timed. If speech is not completed when the buzzer sounds, the contestant may only finish the sentence she is currently speaking. It is the judges' prerogative on how they will score an unfinished speech.
- At the conclusion of speeches, we will begin modeling. This is the fun part!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 AM

GJRA Final Rodeo begins

Crowning will take place in conjunction with our final awards ceremony

Helpful Guidelines

Just some tips – judges use their own discretion

HORSEMANSHIP: (50 Points) – See pattern in your packet, Attire must be White Shirt, Blue (denim) jeans, hat/helmet (remember if you win a crown has to be worn), belt, sash and number.

MODELING: (50 Points)

Poise & Smile (self-projection)
Choreography of Pattern (difficulty of maneuver)
Use of stage/space
Eye contact with judges & audience
Balance & coordination (no wobbles on turns)

APPEARANCE (25 Points)

Overall appearance (clothing clean, boots polished, hat shape,.....)
Posture and fitness (overall impression)
Presentation of smile and poise (throughout the contest)
Presentation of excellence (hair, use of makeup)
Clothing style, expression of originality (fit, design, fashion)

SPEECH (50 Points)

Credibility, presentation & proper movement
Grammar & content
Enunciation & voice projection (manner of speaking, clear)
Overall expression (smile, eye contact, recall of words)
Length of speech (if exceeds time limit, may deduct 5 points)

PERSONAL INTERVIEW (50 Points)

Questions may not include topics of Religion and/or sex
Impression to interviewer (self-projection, presentation)
Response development & elaboration (summarization, clarity)
Knowledge of subjects (current events, animal husbandry, rodeo, etc...)
Personality (character, charm, sincerity, graciousness.....)

PERSONALITY (25 Points)

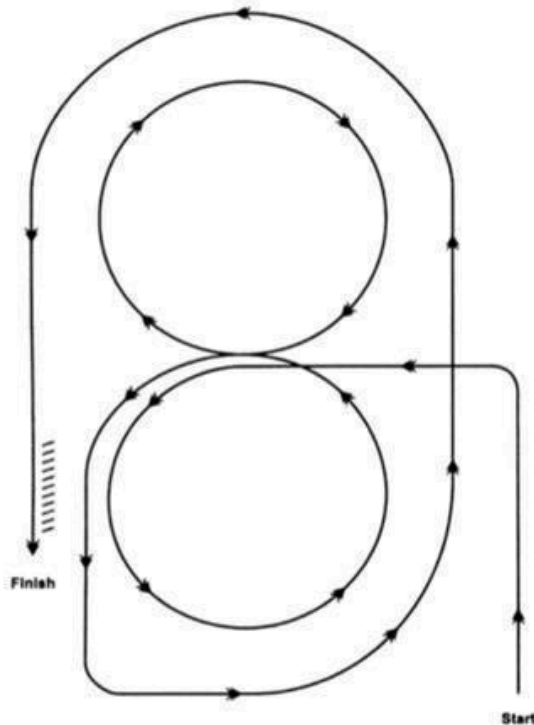
Likeability (character charm, sincerity, graciousness...)
Ability to convey uniqueness to one's self

PHOTOGENIC (25 Points)

Personality (character, charm, sincerity, graciousness.....)
Posture and fitness (overall impression)
Presentation of smile and poise
Presentation of excellence (hair, use of makeup)
Expression of rodeo attire - Clothing style, expression of originality, fit, design, fashion

The below pattern is for our **Queen** category contestants.

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*

ROOKIE/WRANGLER

-You will make a lap around the perimeter of the arena at either a trot or lope without the flag and then a lap with the flag

BUCKAROO

-You will complete a lap around the perimeter of the pen. This can be leadline.

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

2025 - 2026 GRADE: _____ HOMETOWN: _____

PARENT'S NAMES: _____

SCHOOL: _____

RODEO EVENTS: _____

HOW MANY YEARS IN GJRA? _____

SPEECH TITLE: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE USED BY THE JUDGES: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

FUTURE PLANS AFTER GJRA:

MY HORSE _____

IF YOU HAD ONE WISH COME TRUE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT YOURSELF:

