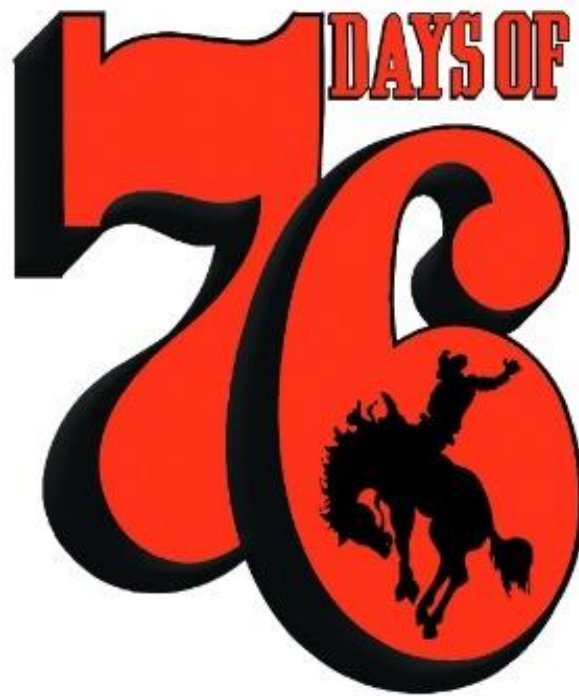


MISS DAYS OF '76 QUEEN, JR. QUEEN, & PRINCESS CONTEST

Official Handbook, Rules, and Regulations



DEADWOOD, SD

Miss Days of '76, Jr. Miss Days of '76, and Days of '76 Princess is a young woman who strives to promote the Days of '76, Deadwood, SD, and the sport of rodeo, and in so doing, promotes South Dakota's western heritage. She is a talented, personable horsewoman with a vast knowledge of the sport of rodeo, the Days of '76, and the history of Deadwood, SD.

The Days of '76 Queen Committee is confident that the contestants chosen to represent this great event will represent her rodeo, the community of Deadwood, and the Days of '76 Committee honorably while promoting the state sport of professional rodeo.

If you have any questions, please contact the Days of '76 Queen Contest Director:
Mackenzi Gatzke: 605-920-0384 or mackenzigatzke@hotmail.com

Year	Miss Days of 76	Jr. Miss Days of 76	Days of 76 Princess
2010	Kristina (Maddocks) Sigaty **/*		
2011	Jacque Lee		
2012	Mackenzi (Rogers) Gatzke	Morgan (Straub) Young	
2013	Brittnay (Entsminger) Lambert	Martina Loobey **/*	Taton Schofield
2014	Morgan (Straub) Young	Kelly (Schopp) Skjoldal	Taylor Fischer
2015	Nicole (Boomsma) Jones	Tyler Hintz	Mackenzie Wheelhouse
2016	Victoria Hagg	Jayton McKay	Tobi Hintz
2017	Martina Loobey **/*	Kiara Brown	Lily Sexton
2018	Jordan Tierney ***/**	Taylor Fischer	Tava Sexton
2019	Kayla Engwicht	Jonnie Jo Anders	Remi Crago
2020	Laura Munger	Nautica Hagg	Myla Ray
2021	Jordan Jensen	Tava Sexton	Atty Eastman
2022	Callie Mueller	Bailey Feistner *	Katelyn Kammerer
2023	Katelynn Westphal	Kinley Olson	Addison Brownell
2024	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Denotes Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota ** Denotes Miss Rodeo South Dakota
 *** Denotes Miss Rodeo America

Eligibility

1. The Days of '76 offers titles in three separate age groups. Ages are determined as of the date of the pageant.
 - ☆ Miss Days of '76: 18 years – 26 years
 - ☆ Jr. Miss Days of '76: 13 years – 17 years
 - ☆ Days of '76 Princess: 8 years – 12 years
2. All titleholders' reign will be from the time of their coronation to the time of coronation of the next queen the following year unless the committee specifically clears her to run in consecutive years.
3. The contestant may not run for another title during her reign unless nearing the end of her reign and having cleared it with the committee and director. The only exception will be competing for Miss Rodeo South Dakota or Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota, respectively.
4. No contestant may have been married or pregnant, have a child, nor become engaged, married, or pregnant during the year of her reign.
5. All contestants must pay the required entry fee or have it sponsored.
6. Contestants must have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions required prior to competition.
7. The committee reserves the right to adjust all eligibility and guidelines in this handbook as needed for extenuating circumstances.

Judging Guidelines

1. Best attempts will be made by the Committee to have a three to four judge panel consisting of highly qualified individuals.
2. The Committee reserves the right to have a secret judge behind the scenes (watching such things as behavior, manners, and personality).
3. Judges may attend any or all pageant events that are not scored; therefore, you should be yourself at all times.
4. Scores are tallied by at least two members of the Days of '76 Queen Committee.
5. In the event that someone on the Queen Committee board has a relation, mentorship, or other close relationship with a contestant, an external auditor will tally the scores that will be delivered in an envelope that is sealed by the judges. Additionally, in this situation, any impromptu topics, interview questions, test questions, draw questions, position draws, and anything of the like will be created by an external source. Said committee members will not have access to these prior to pageant day.
6. In the event of any division ties, the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score becomes the winner. If there is a tie for the winner of horsemanship, then the highest score on the first go-round will be the winner. If a tiebreaker is still needed, the highest score in the second go-round of horsemanship followed by the highest score on the written test, knowledge category, personality category, then appearance category. If a tie remains, the Queen committee will select the winner.
7. If there is a tie for Miss Congeniality, the contestant with the highest personality score will win.
8. The contestant receiving the highest number of points pursuant to the foregoing shall be crowned Queen, Jr. Queen, or Princess based on age category. **Judges' decisions are final!**

9. Contestants and individuals related to a contestant may not contact judges before, during, or after the pageant in order to influence or harass. Action of this type will be reported to the Queen Committee and disqualification of that contestant may result.
10. Score sheets will not be returned, but comment sheets will be given to contestants following the pageant. Comment sheets will be completed at the judges' discretion.
11. In the event that a reigning queen would like to compete in the next age division, she must wait one title year before running again. For example, the reigning princess may not run in the following junior title contest but must wait one year before re-entering.
12. Princess scoring will be weighted as follows:
 - a. Appearance = 24.77%
 - b. Personality = 24.77%
 - c. Knowledge = 24.77%
 - d. Horsemanship = 25.69%
13. Jr and Sr scoring will be weighted as follows:
 - a. Appearance = 22.08%
 - b. Personality = 22.92%
 - c. Knowledge = 25%
 - d. Horsemanship = 30%

Grievances

Any complaint that is filed in regard to Days of '76 Pageant must adhere to the following. All complaints must be submitted in writing including the name, address, daytime phone number of the person filing the complaint, signed, and dated. The complaint should include as much detail about the subject as possible in order for appropriate action to be taken. All complaints may be submitted to the Days of '76 Queen Committee and will be reviewed by them. Research and information will be gathered about the situation and the parties involved will be notified about the complaint and given the opportunity to provide a response. The governing committee will vote and determine any necessary action to be taken. If a response to the complaint is desired, please indicate so in your letter.

Contest Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must conduct themselves in a proper lady-like manner and portray high moral standards. Contestants will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or vape, use any type of recreational drug, or use foul language at any time during pageant functions or anytime while representing the Days of '76.
2. Contestants must provide appropriate western apparel in good taste for all phases of competition.
3. No chaps are to be worn for the horsemanship competition.
4. Spurs are optional for the horsemanship competition.
5. A flag boot is mandatory for the flag presentation portion of horsemanship. If you do not have one, one will be provided.
6. Position draws will take place prior to the start of the pageant and be completed by the Days of '76 Queen Committee blindly.
7. All contestants should leave their cell phones and devices put away throughout the entire contest. They should not use family members' devices, either. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification.

8. An adult (parent or family member) must be available to accompany all contestants under age 18 at all times. Any contestant under the age of 21 should not be on any casino floor, even to pass through, without a guardian.
9. Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, a meeting of the Days of '76 Queen committee will be held and proper measures will be taken, up to and including dismissal and/or disqualification of the contestant.
10. In the event that there is only one contestant in an age group, the contestant will still be required to compete in every division of the contest successfully, without disqualification to be considered for the title. The judges and committee then must unanimously agree that she is a good fit for the title.
11. Each contestant shall provide her own transportation to each such function, performance and or event.
12. After check-in, parents should be seated in the audience. All contestants may travel to the arena with parents or have the aid of one adult for clothing changes. Parents should otherwise be in the audience.
13. The Queen Committee shall have the sole right to publish or cause publication in any media, and use in any reasonable manner, the name, basic biographical background and photograph of each contestant for the purpose of the promotion of the Days of '76 Pageant, Parade, and Rodeo.
14. Should there be a pandemic or other reason to restrict gatherings, the queen committee will hold the right and option to postpone, cancel, or have the reigning queen continue her reign into the next year.
15. All contestants must submit a signed statement that they have read and understand the contract, handbook, and rulebook.

Sportsmanship

The Days of '76 Queen Committee expects each contestant, parents, friends, and relatives to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant and following the coronation. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing the Days of '76, Deadwood, SD, and the sport of Professional Rodeo. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in disqualification and affect further eligibility to compete in the Days of '76 Pageant.

Clothing

Fashion Forward

- Check-in
- Orientation
- Photogenics
- Welcome Introductions
- Modeling
- Media questions
- This outfit is a trendy, fun, party attire type outfit. It must have at least cap sleeves or longer, skirt/dress no shorter than 3" above knees or leggings/slacks, western boots, western hat, western belt with trophy buckle.

Western Glamour

- Modeling

- Impromptu speech
- This is a long formal “western” dress, western boots, western hat, western belt with trophy buckle.

Interview

- Public Media Interview
- Personal Interview
- This outfit should be interview appropriate (suit jacket and slacks or skirt) with western hat and western boots.

Horsemanship

- Horsemanship
- Horsemanship interview
- This outfit should include a blouse and jeans of your chosen color, western boots, western hat, and western belt with trophy buckle as appropriate for arena and horsemanship.

Coronation

- Coronation – you will be mounted on your horse.
- Arena blouse and jeans of your choice or your horsemanship outfit.

Contest Category Information

Personality, Modeling, and Appearance

The purpose of these categories is to select the young lady who rates highest in:

1. Grooming, this should include neatness, cleanliness, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other western apparel.
2. Posture: How the contestant carries herself is very important, the judges will be looking for contestants to carry themselves straight, tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
3. Poise and ladylike behavior in every situation. Judges will be looking for contestants to handle each situation that they are involved in with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for contestants to have a vast knowledge of proper etiquette.
4. Western fashion sense: contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will pay particular attention to the contestant’s ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring and enhance appearance and eye appeal.
5. Proper fit of clothing: above all contestants should pay attention to the fit of their outfit. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personality. In addition, contestants should be properly fitted for a hat so that it will flatter the face.
6. This is not a fashion contest and we do not want contestants to spend a fortune on clothing; we just want to see you at your best in all styles.
7. Intelligence and good common sense.
8. Conversational ability in varied areas with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
9. Good sense of humor
10. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity
11. Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others
12. Self-Projection
13. Maturity
14. Educational background and aspirations

Horsemanship

Contestants may begin warming up their horse upon arrival at the arena. The second go-round will not be revealed until this round at the contest. As horsemanship skills are a big part of rodeo and the equine industry, in-depth horsemanship questions will be asked following the second pattern.

The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in the following areas and per the guidelines below.

1. Horsemanship: Control of mount and the way each situation that may occur is handled
2. Balance: ability to sit correctly in the saddle
3. Position of hands, feet, and seat
4. Mounting and dismounting
5. Presentation of Queens Salute
6. Presentation of the flag
7. Showmanship
8. It is the responsibility of the contestants to make sure their hats stay securely on their heads. Failure to do so will result in point penalties.
9. The judges may elect to require the contestants to perform any other horsemanship related task they deem relevant.
10. Execution of a flag run will be required for Queen and Junior contestants.
11. Contestants must ride in a western style saddle with split reigns. No two-handed riding is permitted.
12. Should an unfair situation occur, at no fault of the contestant, a re-ride will be granted. Re-rides are at the sole discretion of the pageant judges.
13. Every element of the horsemanship portion of the competition will be scored regardless of execution of set pattern.
14. Failure to execute the set pattern will not constitute disqualification of contestant.
15. The judges have the right to ask the contestants questions during the horsemanship competition.
16. The contestants will provide their own horse for the horsemanship portion.
17. Contestants should remember that this will be judged on how the contestant cues the horse, not the horses' ability. Contestants should strive for a smooth pattern.

Knowledge

The purpose of this division is to discover each contestant's ability to understand and comprehend the sport of rodeo and its events. Each contestant should be well versed in the following:

1. Tack
2. Horse science
3. Professional rodeo history
4. Rodeo terminology
5. Rodeo rules
6. Explanation of standard events
7. Championship standings
8. Current issues of the pro rodeo circuit
9. History of Deadwood
10. Days of '76 Rodeo and Parade

Congeniality

The contestants will be voting between themselves to pick a Congeniality award. This will not be included in the total overall score it is just a way for the girls to recognize the contestant that they feel was the most congenial contestant. There will be one Miss Congeniality award between all three divisions.

Personal Interview

The purpose of the interview is to allow the judges to observe the personality, intelligence, common sense, conversational ability, and maturity of each contestant. The questions posed by the judges are not limited to any subject but may include rodeo knowledge, current events, general horse health care, contestants' goals and aspirations, contestants' life experiences, Days of '76, History of Deadwood, etc. 12 minutes for senior contestants, 8 minutes for junior contestants. 5 minutes for princess contestants. These times are subject to change at judges' discretion. The interview session will be closed to the public and all other contestants.

Public Media Interview

Each contestant will go in front of the judges and audience individually; the other contestants will be secluded in a room off stage. You will be asked 3-4 questions. Then, you will be seated, and the next contestant will come out and answer the same questions. You should be well-versed in the Days of '76 history, historical characters of Deadwood, general rodeo knowledge, and general SD knowledge.

Speech

Speeches allow the judges to evaluate contestants' public speaking ability, poise, confidence, correct use of grammar, creativity and personality.

1. The same topic may be given to each contestant or contestants may have different topics.
2. If all contestants have the same topic, then the contestants who have not presented may not watch or listen to the contestants before them.
3. If the contestants are drawing random topics, they may or may not all be present to observe. This is to be determined by the queen committee.

Photogenics

After checking-in, you will go to a private photoshoot. You must pose yourself to your best advantage. The photographer will not help you. You will have a standing photo, a sitting photo, and an action/fun photo. Two of each of these photos will be judged for photogenics.

Each contestant must submit an 8x10 color photograph of herself. The 8x10 will be used for promotional purposes and may be displayed at events during the pageant. The photograph should be a vertical head and shoulders shot. The contestant must be dressed in tasteful western attire, including a cowboy hat, no crown. Copyrighted pictures must have a copyright release. The photo must not be framed or mounted. This photo may be used to break a tie in the photogenic category.

Written Test

A written test will be given to the Queen and Junior contestants only. The purpose of this test is to determine a contestant's knowledge of current events, tack, horses, horsemanship, rodeo terminology, animal rights issues, PRCA rules, sponsors, standings, and contestants, and Deadwood History.

1. Absolutely no talking will be allowed during testing. Disregard for this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
2. The contestant will be provided with a pen/pencil and should bring nothing with them to the test room.
3. If a contestant is caught with printed or written material or any other means of cheating, she will be disqualified.
4. The contestants of each division will all take the same test.
5. Contestants may request reasonable testing accommodations if needed.

Princess

The Princess contestants will go through the same events as the Senior and Junior contestants, but it will be geared down to their age-appropriate level.

The winning Princess is encouraged to attend all events, autograph signings, rodeos, and parades but she will not help in the arena. If her horse is parade safe, she may ride her horse in the parades; otherwise, we will have her ride in a wagon. Though the Princess is invited to go to all events, it is not mandatory for her. Her family will be responsible for her at all times as well as for her lodging.

The Princess will be invited to help at various Days of '76 events through the July coronation of her succeeding Days of '76 Princess. The committee will work with the Princess's school and travel schedule and will take that into consideration when asking her to be at events. This will include some of Deadwood's most prestigious and important promotional events throughout the year. We also encourage the Princess to represent the Days of '76 at rodeos and events throughout the year. The committee will work hard to offer a very memorable and rewarding year for the reigning Days of '76 PRCA Rodeo Queens. We hope young ladies from across the state will take advantage of this great rodeo opportunity.

Junior and Senior Queens

The new Miss Days of '76 and Jr. Miss Days of '76 will be required to stay through the rest of the Days of '76 to help at all rodeo performances and both parades as well as attend various events, interviews, and autograph signings. The other contestants are excused but are encouraged to ride in the Friday and Saturday parades.

A room will be sponsored for the senior and junior queen if they are not local to the area. If the senior queen is under age 21, a parent must stay in the room with her and be responsible for her care. The Junior queen must stay with her parents in her room. Her family will be responsible for her care. Both the Senior and Junior Queen will also be **required** to help throughout the year at various Days of '76 events through the July coronation of her succeeding Days of '76 Rodeo queen. The committee will work with the queen's school and travel schedule and will take that into consideration when asking the queen to be at events. This will include scheduling the queens to appear at some of Deadwood's most prestigious and important promotional events throughout the year. We also encourage the queens to represent the Days of '76 at rodeos and events throughout the year. The committee will work hard to offer a very memorable and rewarding year for the reigning Days of '76 PRCA Rodeo Queens. We hope young ladies from across the state will take advantage of this great rodeo opportunity.

Miss Days of 76 Facebook Page

The Senior Queen will assume partial responsibility for the Miss Days of 76 Facebook page, in conjunction with the pageant director. She may use this platform to promote the Days of 76, Deadwood, sponsors, and the events that she is attending throughout the year. She may, at her discretion, post pictures and posts from the Jr Queen and Princess though this is not a requirement. It is the responsibility of the Jr. Queen and Princess (with the assistance of a parent as needed) to write a short post about the event to go with the photos that they wish to have posted by the director or the senior queen.

Group Discussions

The pageant director may create a group text thread to communicate information about upcoming events. If a title holder is under the age of 18, a parent will also be included in this thread. Please contact the pageant director outside of this thread with any concerns. Parents of the queen, Jr. queen, and princess should otherwise allow the title holders to use their title as an opportunity for growth. These conversations are a great way for these young ladies to learn to plan, express themselves, and voice their opinions. We hope that, if age appropriate, the titleholders will do most of the communication.

Title Holder Rules and Regulations

1. Throughout your reign, significant others cannot be a distraction while you are performing your duties. They cannot “hang out” or accompany you to events. This is not acceptable.
2. You are an example to young impressionable kids, and as such, you must conduct yourself in an exemplary manner.
3. Be very careful about what you post on Facebook, Twitter, etc. in the way pictures and attitudes are portrayed.
4. Appearances in Rodeos – you must arrive on time and well dressed in queen fashion. Always keep in mind you represent the Days of ‘76 and the Historic Deadwood, SD!
5. Reigning queens shall attend all performances of the Days of ‘76 Rodeo and parade as well as all autograph signings and interviews unless specifically excused by the Queen Committee.
6. At all such functions, performances, and events, each contestant shall be dressed in western attire all of which shall be furnished at the sole cost and expense of the titleholder.
7. Queens will not be permitted to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, vape, use recreational drugs, or use foul language at any time while representing the Days of ‘76. This includes downtown Deadwood after rodeo events even if she is over the legal age of consumption. If you are seen engaging in these behaviors, disciplinary action will be discussed with the queen committee.
8. It is an expectation that the Queen, Jr. Queen, and Princess assist in acquiring sponsors and prizes for the following contest year.
9. If for any reason it is determined that the reigning Miss Days of ‘76, Jr. Miss Days of ‘76, or Days of ‘76 Princess cannot fulfill her duties during any portion of her term the 1st runner up will be eligible to assume the title. Upon such time as the reigning queen is dismissed, or forfeits her title, all scholarship funds, awards, and gifts given in relationship to the position must be returned to the Queen Committee.

RELEASE AGREEMENT

By my signature on this application, I hereby certify that I have read the regulations governing the Miss, Junior Miss and Princess Days of '76 Pageant and that I acknowledge and agree to abide by these rules and regulations. I hereby grant permission to the Days of '76 Queen Committee to verify any information contained on my application. I hereby release the Days of '76 Rodeo, Parade, Committee, and Queen Committee from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property, involving me or persons, relative to my contest appearance, sponsors, commercial and private, or the contest and all officers, directors and member individuals and groups of the contest and Days of '76 committee. I understand the South Dakota Equine Law as it relates to activities at Days of '76 Arena or any other equine sport facility, which states: Under South Dakota law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to § 42-11-2. I hereby release title, claim, and rights to photographs and/or public relations materials involving me to the contest for use in contest promotion. I hereby certify that I have never been married or had a marriage annulled and I have never been, nor am pregnant now. Failure on my part to disclose this information to local officials will automatically disqualify me from participation in the contest and prizes of any kind which I may receive will be returned to the contest. The Days of '76 Committee, Rodeo, Parade, and Queen Committee will be released from any and all liability resulting from my actions. In the event that I receive the Miss, Junior Miss, or Princess Days of '76 title, I will complete the tenure of my title in accordance with the aforesaid regulation and in the claims relating to the title upon the naming of my successor. I hereby affix my signature attesting my agreement to the above without reserve.

Contestant Printed Name

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature (under age 18)

Date

Phone

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip, & County