**Miss UPRA Rules and Regulations**

**The following rules and regulations MUST be followed by all contestants while competing. ANY violations of the rules and or regulations set aside in these documents may result in disqualification of contestant.**

1. Contestant may be sponsored by a UPRA sanctioned rodeo/committee, eligible stock contractor or a UPRA Sponsor.
2. Contestant must be 18 years of age by October 18, 2023 and no older than 25 with proof of birth certificate in order to compete.
3. Contestants can not be married or ever have had a marriage nullified or be pregnant or have had a child.
4. Contestants in the Miss UPRA pageant will pay a $125 NON-REFUNDABLE entry fee.
5. Applications, entry fee, and headshots are due on August 15, 2023. Applications and headshots can be emailed to Linda Chase at buckskinsr2cool@yahoo.com. Entry fees can be sent via PayPal to the same email as above or a money order may be mailed to P.O. Box 703, Winnsboro, Texas 75494. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted. All applications must be complete by the deadline. Any part of the application that is not received by the deadline will not be accepted. If you have any questions or concerns, call or text Linda Chase at (903)850-7247.
6. Orientation will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday August 19, 2023 on Facebook Live. The contestant or someone on her behalf must attend the orientation. It is the contestant’s responsibility to read ALL of the Miss UPRA documents and to be prepared for orientation.
7. Contestants must sell a minimum of $400 in program ads and $500 in raffle tickets to be qualified to compete. Tickets will be mailed to the contestant after orientation. All money and unsold tickets are to be turned in at check in on October 18, 2023. Business and personal checks MUST HAVE drivers license, address, and phone number. Please put your name in the note area of the check.
8. All ads must be turned in by September 30, 2023. This allows for enough time to print the pageant programs.
9. Sign and notarize the last page of the Miss UPRA contract and turn it in on October 18, 2023 at check in. If you should win the title of Miss UPRA, the association will need this form on file stating that you have read and understand your duties and expectations as Miss UPRA. It is recommended that you have a copy for yourself in addition to the copy you turn in.
10. Overall high sales will be recognized with a custom gift.
11. For every additional $300 brought in above the required amount we will give the contestant 10% back. For example, $300= $30, $400=$40 etc. This DOES NOT include the $900 required to compete.
12. Contestant is responsible for her hotel room and for her stall payment.
13. In case of a tie in horsemanship the contestant with the highest horsemanship interview score will win the prize. If there is still a tie, we will flip a coin for the prizes.
14. In case of a tie for the title of Miss UPRA, the contestant with the highest personality score will be awarded the title.
15. The judges’ decisions are final and MAY NOT be appealed or contested. Contact between the judges and the contestant’s family must be initiated by the judges and with the queen director present.
16. NO use of alcohol, tobacco products, vaping, or foul language will be acceptable at any time during the competition. Violation of this rule WILL result in immediate disqualification of contestant.
17. Any personal social media accounts should be kept professional. Make sure there are no pictures, posts, or comments that are unbecoming of a title holder. If something is brought to our attention you may be disqualified.
18. Be careful who you let into your hotel room.
19. Contestants will be required to keep the queen director informed of her agenda outside of the competition. This is for your protection and in the event of an emergency you can be located.
20. Parents are welcome to accompany contestants to all functions with the exception of the interview room.
21. ALL contestants have a curfew of 1:00 AM. Make sure you take care of your horse and you are welcome to go eat. We just want you back to your hotel room safely.
22. Contestants will be required to attend ALL scheduled events, unless an illness or emergency arises. The queen director is to be notified IMMEDIATELY on any situation that will make you late etc. Failing to do so could result in disqualification of contestant.
23. Contestant will be responsible for her own horse and her own transportation to and from the hotel etc.
24. Contestant will need to wear her competition number to be identified as a Miss UPRA contestant. Crowns and sashes are to be worn on Thursday and Friday for the rodeo performances. NO CROWNS AND SASHES for coronation.
25. Prizes will be available following coronation on Saturday. You are responsible for picking up your prizes.
26. The new Miss UPRA will be required to stay for the final performance on Sunday and for the awards ceremony after the performance.
27. Copies of your score sheets will be mailed to you the following week. The originals will be kept by the UPRA. Any decision/interpretation made by the judges or UPRA Board of Directors in regards to the pageant are final and may not be appealed or contested.

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