



## ***Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen 2026***

### **Welcome**

The Wild Bill Hickok Queen pageant committee, and former titleholders are excited that you are interested in becoming a Rodeo Queen, and we can't wait to help you. This booklet was designed to be a guide. One to help you through your journey into the world of "Rodeo Queening". This booklet should not be treated as the Rodeo Queen Bible, because it does not cover every aspect/situation. It would be a million pages long if we tried to cover everything... Every pageant is different, and it will be important to read the rules, information, and contract that they provide before you run for each title.

\*\*Not every pageant will have all the categories in this guide; there may be more or less. If you are nervous about a topic use your resources; the internet is a very useful tool!

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**Return to: MWBHR Queen Chairperson**

**Attn: Susan Roberts**

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**Abilene, KS. 67410**

**[www.wildbillhickokrodeo.com](http://www.wildbillhickokrodeo.com)**



## Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Application

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School/College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse(s) Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use a separate page to answer the following:*

**School/College Involvement:**

**Community Involvement/Club Memberships involved in:**

**Why do you want to be Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo?**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant Contestant**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Parent/Guardian, if under 18 years old)**

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**Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen**  
**Waiver Agreement/Release of Liability**

**This agreement is between the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee and**

**Contestants full name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**The contestant will abide by the Rules and Regulations relating to the 2025-2026 Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant (MWBHR) and the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo in Abilene, Kansas.**

1. The contestant has, a) received a complete copy of all Rules & Regulations, b) read all Rules & Regulations, c) has been advised of any amendments to the Rules, if any, d) understands all Rules & Regulations, e) has had the opportunity to have any questions answered fully.
2. Contestant will adhere to and comply with all Rules & Regulations.
3. ALL decisions of the judges and WBHR Queen Chairperson will be FINAL.
4. I understand there are certain risks and dangers involved in competing in the Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant and I hereby assume all risk of injury and sustained to my person of damage or loss of property resulting from my participation in the pageant and rodeo held by the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee.
5. I do hereby release the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee, Sammy Andrews (a.k.a. Andrews Rodeo Company and Central Kansas Free Fair) and all association directors and members from all claims and demands, actions, and causes of action of any sort of injury sustained to my person of damage or loss of property resulting from my participation in any and all the pageant and rodeo activities.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING WAIVER AGREEMENT/RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

**I represent and certify that my true age is \_\_\_\_\_ years, as of January 1, 2026. If I am under the age of 18, I represent and certify that I have permission and consent of my parent(s) and/or guardian to participate in the stated activities, and they have full knowledge thereof.**

**Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_**

## Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant & Rodeo Medical Release

Contestants Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on any medication(s)? Y or N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Drug allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Other allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate another person to contact if an accident should occur and we are unable to reach the Parent/Guardian at the provided number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the alternative statements below and sign under the one that you choose.

Sign ONLY ONE please.

*If my child needs medical attention, it is my wish that I be contacted BEFORE any medical procedures are taken on my child, unless treatment is necessary to save my child's life or prevent permanent injury.*

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*If my child needs medical attention, it is my wish that treatment be started while efforts are being made to contact me. So that treatment is not delayed, I consent to any medical procedures that the physician(s) believe are needed, on the understanding that efforts to contact me will continue to be made. I accept all responsibilities for costs related to such treatments.*

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL A COPY OF BOTH SIDES OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD(S)**



## Eligibility, Rules and Expectations of Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen

### Eligibility

1. A biological female between the ages of 16 and 25 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Queen contestants must be a United States Citizen and current resident of the state of Kansas.
3. Single, never married, nor-pregnant/without children and remain so during the entirety of her reign.
4. Former Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo titleholders are not eligible.
5. Contestant must not have had a queen title removed from them for any reason, unless a petition is approved by the MWBHR Grievance Board. Failure to disclose such information will result in disqualification.
6. Contestant must abide by ALL Rules and Regulations of the MWBHR Pageant, the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee, and Central Kansas Free Fair Board.
7. When a contestant becomes MWBHR, she must be able to fulfill all required duties of her reign for the year of her title.
8. All contestants must pay the non-refundable \$50 Sponsorship fee and send along with her application form, photo(s) (if needed photo release), Pageant Waiver Agreement/Release of Liability, Medical Release forms, and Code of Conduct.
9. Any Contestant must not hold any other title in conjunction with the MWBHR title. If you currently have a title and will be passing that title on before the MWBHR pageant, that is permissible.
10. The Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Grievance Board reserves the right to refuse any entry.

### Expectations

Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen will be crowned at the May Pageant. The winner will be expected to perform the duties of said title for one year, giving up the title at the following May.

1) MWBHR Queen will be expected to attend all Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo events:

a) Mutton Bustin Sign Up (if needed), Holm's Autograph Signing, Auction/Sponsor Dinner, All 4 Rodeo Performances and after rodeo autograph signings, Steer Roping, Slack, and Parade, Golf Tournament and any other Publicity as needed throughout rodeo week.

2) MWBHR Queen must be **willing and able to participate in WBHR Special Events (if the committee determines she is needed), such as:**

a) May-Team Roping, May-Barrel Bash, and any other special event hosted by WBHR.

3) MWBHR Queen will be encouraged to represent the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo at any rodeo, equine/rodeo related event, school and or community events (examples include but not limited to):

a) Other PRCA/Local Rodeos (Bennington Rodeo, Flint Hills Rodeo/Strong City, Washington Rodeo, Clay County Rodeo/Clay Center, Junction City Rodeo, Kaw Valley Rodeo/Manhattan, Longford Rodeo), Miss Rodeo Kansas Coronation, KSU Rodeo & Queen Coronation, and Equifest of Kansas.

4) MWBHR Queen will be **required to help organize and attend the Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant the following year.**

5) MWBHR Queen must understand that if they win a title the funding for all expenses including travel, wardrobe, and sponsorship will be their responsibility.

## **Rules:**

- 1) I will wear my crown and sash any time I am acting in the capacity as MWBHR.
- 2) Make myself available for all opportunities to appear as MWBHR to the public.
- 3) Understand it is my financial responsibility to attend all required appearances.
- 4) **Be on time.** Do my homework on directions, layout, schedules, and requirements for each event. Know what to bring, wear and pack.
- 5) **Do Not** drink, smoke, or use profanity in public while acting in the capacity as the MWBHR Queen.
- 6) Never publicly complain-while visiting other rodeos or events, I will remain positive and professional.
- 6) Work with the rodeo committee on whatever promotions they may desire.
- 7) Do not use cell phones in public, check messages, or keep phones in pockets or public view while wearing the crown and sash.
- 8) At no time during the term of my contract shall I post suggestive photos or use profanity on social media (no photos or discussions about parties or alcohol). I will never appear inappropriately on social media (Facebook, X, Snapchat, Instagram or Other) whether it be a personal page or account or the intellectual property of Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee (Central Kansas Free Fair.)
- 9) At all times keep posts professional in verbiage, with no language or images that is unbecoming to, or in any way compromise the professional image of Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Royalty or the professional brand of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee (Central Kansas Free Fair.)
- 10) Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen must adhere to PRCA dress codes in the rodeo arena. Clothing should reflect a professional western image.
- 11) I understand that the chaps given to me are property of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee and will return the chaps in the condition that they are given to me. If the chaps are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed during my reign as queen, I understand that I will be liable for replacement of the chaps.

# **Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen**

## **Expectation Statement & Code of Conduct**

I understand that as a contestant or if I am awarded the title of Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo (MWBHR), I will be a representative of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo (Central Kansas Free Fair) which is produced by the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee. I am responsible for representing the sport of rodeo in a professional manner. I will strive to represent unparalleled sportsmanship with high moral and ethical character. This title recognizes several attributes: sportsmanship, personality, public speaking and appearance. Therefore, it is my responsibility, as the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee Royalty representative, to act, speak, and dress according to the presence my title requires any time I am in the public eye. Riding and horsemanship skills are essential to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills to better promote the sport. I understand that I am responsible for providing my own horse that can perform queen activities during rodeo activities and events.

**If I am chosen as Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen 2026, I will conduct myself in an honorable manner at any and all rodeos and functions I attend while representing my title for the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee, Central Kansas Free Fair, and city of Abilene.**

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





## Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen Pageant Structure

### ***Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Pageant Schedule***

(Times will depend on number of contestants)

- ❖ 8:30 am. Check in and draw for position (east side of arena under breeze way)
- ❖ 9:00 am. Horsemanship (Blue jeans and white western long sleeve shirt, hat, belt, and boots)
- ❖ 11:00 am. Modeling (Sterl Hall Small Room 2 outfits)
- ❖ Speech (Following your second Modeling outfit)
- ❖ 1:00 pm. Luncheon (Introduction and Impromptu Question)
  - All contestants may have one guest accompany them to lunch
- ❖ 2:00 pm. Personal Interview
- ❖ 3:00 pm. Written Test (start taking it right after your Personal Interview)
- ❖ 5 pm. Coronation and presentation of awards

### **Rules & Regulations:**

- 1) Contestants WILL NOT be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language of ANY kind at ANY time while representing the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo. In the event any Rules & Regulations are broken the Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Queen committee will take the proper measure, and you will forfeit your title and ALL prizes to the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner –Up.
- 2) Contestants need to read and sign MWBHR Queen Expectation Statement/Code of Conduct, Waiver Agreement, Release of Liability, Expectations and Medical Release forms completed and return all documents along with their \$50 Sponsorship fee with your photographs (if needed photo release) to the MWBHR Queen Chairperson by midnight April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- 3) Contestants must provide their own wardrobe and follow all wardrobe guidelines.
- 4) All contestants must be checked in by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at WBHR arena.
- 5) Contestants will draw for positions at check-in.
- 6) Modeling attire (two outfits) will be western dress outfits, consisting of western jeans and western blouse AND western dress or Blouse/skirt combo. **Can be fashion forward.**
- 7) **Following** the Horsemanship competition, each contestant will make a Queen Fly By and Flag Run. Bring your own flag boot and have it secured to your saddle BEFORE competition.
- 8) The 2026 Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo will be crowned at the end of the Sunday Queens Pageant.
- 9) Be sure to READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES & REGULATIONS on the MWBHR Pageant website before entering our pageant. In addition, be ready to fulfill these expectations and duties asked of you. Do NOT hesitate to contact the MWBHR Queen Chairperson to have all your questions and concerns answered properly to a mutual understanding.
- 10) ALL decisions of the judges and MWBHR Chairperson are FINAL!
- 11) All prizes awarded are those of the recipients.

12) Contestants must be present at all activities during the pageant. Failure to do so may result in a 50-point deduction. More than once will result in disqualification from the pageant.

13) Contestants will ride their own horse in the rodeo and pageant. At judges' discretion during the horsemanship competition could be asked to change horses.

14) If you need a stall during the WHBHR please let the MWBHR Queen Chairperson know ASAP.

### **Reasons for Disqualification and/or Point Deduction:**

\* Coaching from the side-lines by family, friends or queen coach. ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.

\* Any contestant's family, friends or queen coach interferes with any part of the pageant.

\* Any contestant, contestant's family, friend or queen coach harasses or tries to influence any of the judges, MWBHR Queen Committee, WBHR Committee Members, stock contractor and/or their help, or the current Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo and/or her family.

\* A contestant's behavior is found unbecoming of a rodeo queen candidate.

\* Slander or badmouthing ANY contestant, judge, MWBHR Queen Committee member, WBHR Committee member, stock contractor and/or their help, or the current Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo and/or her family.

### **Judging Guidelines:**

**The Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo queen contestants will be judged on Horsemanship, Appearance & Personality, Modeling, Interview, Photogenic, Written Test and Speech.**

The schedule of activities may include but is not limited to the following:

- \* Personal Interview
- \* Modeling
- \* Horsemanship/riding patterns, Rail Work, Flag Run, Queen Fly By, and possible pushing cattle
- \* Luncheon appearance

### **Horsemanship (255 points/24%):**

Horsemanship attire is to be that of blue jeans, a white western long sleeve shirt, boots, hat, and belt. The Horsemanship competition consists of, but not limited to pattern, pushing cattle (if needed), rail work (if needed, at the judge's discretion), fly by and flag run. BRING YOUR OWN FLAG BOOT and have it secured on your saddle and ready to go.

The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates highest in:

- \* Her riding abilities
- \* Her showmanship abilities
- \* Horsemanship-control of the horse in any given situation
- \* Balance-rider ability to sit in the saddle properly
- \* Positioning of the hands, feet, and seat
- \* Mounting and dismounting from her horse

The understanding and the skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse and equipment. **ALTHOUGH**, your tack and saddle should be clean. Appearance and aspect of the Horsemanship is the way a queen candidate presents herself on horseback. Contestants **MUST** abide by the Horsemanship dress code.

**CHAPS ARE NOT PERMITTED** in the Horsemanship part of the competition. Tie downs are acceptable if needed to control your horse.

During Horsemanship, all contestants will be saddling their horse in the arena, with the current Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo, visiting royalty, or assigned handlers holding each horse. NO ONE else is allowed in the arena or in the announcer's stand or near the gate the contestants enter or exit during any portion of the competition. Family and friends may sit on the East bleachers.

**Point deductions:**

- \* Losing your hat during competition
- \* Touching your hat during competition (i.e., during pattern, fly by, or flag run)
- \* Loosing a stirrup during competition
- \* Omitting a portion of the Horsemanship pattern

**Interview/Impromptu/Personality (225 points/21%):**

The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates the highest in:

- \* Education
- \* Intelligence
- \* Conversation abilities in all areas
- \* Sense of humor
- \* Personality
- \* Current events, rodeo and overall knowledge
- \* Genuine interest in other people (notable consideration of others)
- \* Projection-her ability to project her personality on horseback and in front of an audience
- \* Disposition
- \* Quality of voice expression (enunciation, voice inflection and confidence)
- \* Showmanship-presents herself in a poised, gracious and confident manner
- \* SMILE

**Modeling/Appearance/Personality (150 points/14%):**

Modeling attire will consist of two western outfits. The first outfit should be jeans and long sleeve blouse and/or jacket of your choice (interview). The second outfit is a western dress or western blouse/skirt combination (fashion forward). The jean outfit should be different than that of your Horsemanship outfit.

***The aim of this division is to select the candidate who rates the highest in:***

- \* Attractiveness
- \* Facial beauty
- \* Grooming-this includes neatness and cleanliness in every detail (complexion, hands, nails, boots, shape of hat, etc.)
- \* Poise and lady like behavior in any given situation
- \* Clothing-how a contestant's clothing tastefully fits her and her personality

- \* Modeling Ability-use of the entire floor/stage for her pattern
- \* General overall appearance
- \* Make-up-age appropriate
- \* SMILE

### **Speech (225 points/21%):**

- \* Follows topic given
- \* Topic is interesting and entertaining
- \* Speech stays within the time limit given (2-3 minutes)
- \* Speech is memorized. Contestant gives with fluidity
- \* Makes eye contact with the audience and judges

### **Photogenic (75 points/7%):**

***Two photos must be turned in with the MWBHR Queen Application. Must be in western attire in the photos.***

- \* 8x10 colored headshot (shoulders up)
- \* 4x6 colored full length shot

### **Written Exam (150 points/14%):**

The written test score is added to the contestant's overall score. 60-minute time limit and can't have any electronic devices during exam. It will cover the following subjects (not limited to):

- \* Rodeo rules, regulations, and terminology for PRCA and WPRA
- \* Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Committee (i.e. Officer's, committees, rules, past champions, livestock, etc.)
- \* Pro Rodeo current events and champions
- \* Rodeo Queen Knowledge
- \* Current and world events/news

The judges may have access to graded written test. Contestant will receive graded copy following competition.

### **Scoring (1,080 total points/100%):**

At the conclusion of each pageant division the score sheets from all 3 qualified judges will be collected by the Queen Committee Chairperson and sealed in an envelope. At the conclusion of all pageant events the Queen Chairperson shall perform an individual tabulation of each score sheet. An overview of score totals shall be given to the contestants after the conclusion of coronation. Contestants will receive their scores only. Copies of score sheets and tests will be emailed.

\* Original score sheets shall remain with the Queen Committee Chairperson in the event of grievances for one year.

The judges will be determining the score of each contestant throughout all pageant divisions. In the event of a tie for first place, the contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will be declared the winner. IF a tie still exists, the contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship and Interview will be declared the next Miss Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo.

The Miss Wild Bill Hickok rodeo queen committee and WBHR Committee want this pageant and rodeo to be fun, positive and a memorable experience for all involved. We need your help in doing this, so PLEASE come with a positive attitude and positive thoughts, contestants, family, and friends.

These Rules and Regulations are designed for you and your safety in mind and to keep the pageant running properly and in professional manner. If ANY grievance should arise at any time during the competition, it should be brought to the MWBHR Queen Chairperson IMMEDIATELY, and it will be dealt with accordingly. Final decisions shall be that of the MWBHR Queen Chairperson and committee.

### **General Information:**

**In addition to the specifics required under the divisions being judged, all contestants must possess the following general qualifications:**

- \* Maturity
- \* Is Genuine
- \* Integrity
- \* Dependability
- \* Reliability
- \* Responsibility

### **Awards:**

- \* Queen-Crown, Crown Case, Buckle, Sash, traveling chaps and bouquet
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up-Gift, Sash, and bouquet
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up-Gift, Sash, and bouquet

### **Judged Event Awards:**

- \* Horsemanship-Gift
- \* Interview/Impromptu/Personality-Gift
- \* Modeling/Appearance/Personality-Gift
- \* Speech-Gift
- \* Photogenics-Gift
- \* Written Test-Gift
- \*\*Miss Congeniality (will be chosen amongst the contestants)-Gift

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE, contact the queen chairperson. We want this to be fun and fair for all contestants.