

# SOUTHERN OREGON Junior Rodeo Association

## QUEEN AND COURT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: This application must be completed in ink or with a computer and must be received by 4/23/25. Applications can be filled out on the computer, but must be printed and signed. Paper applications can be mailed to the address below. Applications that are received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Complete Applications include:** Signed Application, Signed Application Agreement, Personal Emergency information, Signed Waiver of Liability, Signed Social Media Policy, \$50.00 nonrefundable Application Fee  
**(Check, Money Order or Cashier's check NO CASH )**

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Education \*last school attended\*/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
Laura Cobian, SORJA Queen/Court  
603 Leafwood Drive  
Eagle Point, OR 97524

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## QUEEN AND COURT APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I hereby grant permission to the Southern Oregon Junior Rodeo Association (SORJA) Committee to verify information in my submitted application.

I hereby release the SOJRA Committee from responsibility of injury or loss to persons or property, involving me or any persons related to my appearance in the Pageant and, that such release shall include all accredited sponsors, commercial and private.

I certify that I have never been married, given birth to a child, nor am I pregnant. I agree that failure on my part to disclose this information to the Committee will disqualify me from participating in the Pageant. Should I become disqualified all prizes of any kind which I may receive will be returned promptly to the SOJRA Committee and I hereby release any and all liability resulting in my actions.

In the event that I receive a SOJRA Queen or Princess title, I will complete the tenure of my reign in accordance with the SOJRA Queen and Court Contract and Mandatory Events List schedule in the best interest of the SOJRA.

Upon the naming of my successor, I will relinquish all claims relating to the title.

*By my signature, I hereby certify that I have read the SOJRA Queen and Court Rules and Information.*

*I also have read and understand SOJRA Queen and Court Contract and Social Media Networking Policy. I acknowledge that these regulations will prevail throughout the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant, activities and functions; and that said regulations pertain to all persons related to my appearance in the Contest, and at required events.*

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

Parent or Guardian Signature:

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

Printed Name:

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## SOUTHERN OREGON JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION QUEEN AND COURT PAGEANT RULES AND INFORMATION

The 2025 SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant will be held April 26, 2025.

Categories: Horsemanship, Interview/Speech.

The SOJRA Queen and Court shall consist of three ladies: 1st Place Queen and 2 Runner Up Princesses. Winning contestants will receive the perpetual crown and chaps, in addition to a buckle and sash. The Queen and Princesses shall act as official hostesses of the SOJRA, as well as ambassadors for Jackson County by attending local and neighboring county events.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Court is open to all female contestants who currently reside in Jackson or Josephine Counties. Any contestants that reside in alternate counties who wish to compete will need approval of the SOJRA board.

Contestants must be between the ages of 14 – 18 years of age as of 1/1/2025.

Contestants must never have been married nor a parent.

Must be of good moral character and be willing to abide by the SOJRA Rules, SOJRA Court Rules and Contracts

Must have her own Horse (leased or owned) and trailer for transport

Contestants must be willing to secure a \$200.00 sponsorship if awarded positions

Contestants must be able to attend our Sponsor dinner held 4/25/25 at the Expo, in the Mace Building. (details, TBD.) Contestants must be prepared to present and answer basic questions at the dinner. Questions will be based on why they want to represent the SOJRA on the court. While these questions will not be judged and will not count in any part of the scoring for the pageant, contestants will be expected to act and represent in a professional manner.

Any previous SOJRA Queens are not eligible to serve on the SOJRA court again. Princesses are not allowed to hold consecutive terms on the Court. Any current Princess title holder who wishes to run for a second year, must qualify for Queen to be on the court.

Any SOJRA Queen and Court titleholder who violates the eligibility requirements and/or General Rules during the Pageant or reign will relinquish all rights and privileges of her title at the request of the SOJRA Committee.

Submit a completed application and \$50.00 entry fee no later than 5 p.m. on 4/23/25.

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## SOUTHERN OREGON JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION QUEEN AND COURT GENERAL RULES

1. Contestants must supply their own tack and ***dependable*** horse. Your tack needs to be clean and ready for each appearance. **Your horse must be able to appear in parades and grand entries comfortably.**
2. The winning Contestants will reign from 4/26/25-4/1/26.
3. Parents, friends and relatives: The SOJRA Queen and Court Committee welcomes and encourages the presence of parents, friends and relatives during the competition. It is requested that there is complete cooperation from these supporters during the Pageant activities. At no time during the Pageant shall parents, friends or relatives disturb contestants. During the Pageant, contestants will be required to be together as a group without coaching or other activities taking place. Some of the Pageant activities will only be open to the contestants, judges and Committee. If parents, friends or relatives attend closed events, the contestant they support could be excused from the Pageant.
4. Problems and Complaints: Any problems and/or complaints should be immediately referred to the SOJRA Queen and Court Committee. The SOJRA Committee shall have full authority over the contest and any decision they make regarding rules and participation is final.
5. Sportsmanship: The SOJRA Queen and Court Committee expect each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest and following crowning. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing SOJRA and Jackson County and most importantly, themselves. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant. Should problems and complaints arise, the issue will be presented to the SOJRA board and any needed action will be taken immediately. See zero tolerance policy – item 10 and Social Media Policy for additional rules and regulations.
6. Mandatory Events: The Mandatory Events list is attached. This list is subject to change. As Queen and Princesses, you are obligated to attend as many events that are on the list as possible. In accepting the crown, you are agreeing that all parades, rodeos and events take priority over other functions that may come up. If an event cannot be attended then the Queen/Princesses shall give the SOJRA Queen and Court Committee at least 36 hours notice prior to the start of the event. We understand that instances will arise when this is not possible. If it is not possible, the SOJRA Queen and

Court Committee reserve the right to discuss with the SOJRA Committee and determine if additional action is needed. There will be a **MANDATORY ORIENTATION meeting on TBD,2025. at the TBD location, Time TBD**

7. Contestants must be willing (upon crowning) to secure through fundraising or sponsorship a \$200.00 participation fee. In the event that the member is unable to raise the funds, it is acceptable to pay the \$200.00 fee outright. Sponsorships and or Funds will be due no later than 8/1/2025.

8. The monies will be that of the SOJRA to be used for promoting our organization and funding our future Queen/Courts. The monies shall be held with the Treasurer of the SOJRA and will not be refundable.

9. Contestants, Queen and Princesses must have a positive attitude, clean and pressed clothes, clean and combed hair, etc. Remember, you are representing the SOJRA, Jackson County, and YOURSELF!

10. As a representative of the SOJRA and Jackson County, improper behavior such as smoking, drinking alcohol and holding hands/displaying affection is not acceptable. SOJRA will hold a zero tolerance policy for the use or implied use of Illegal Drugs, or Alcohol. Should a Court Member violate this policy, they will immediately forfeit their title, crown, any awards and the further opportunity to compete again in the SOJRA Queen/Court Pageant. For Social Media Guidelines, please refer to the Social Media Policy that follows.

11. The SOJRA Queen and Court Committee will assist with outfit coordination and selection for Queen and Princess.

12. Queen and Princesses must be willing to participate in any media (social or news/television) interviews or publications that promote the SOJRA and it's contestants. Queen and Princesses must remember that your media presence reflects that of the SOJRA, YOU and your title. You will be expected to be ethical, mature and respectful of your sponsors, the SOJRA sponsors and any potential pageant contestants. The SOJRA Queen and Court Committee along with the SOJRA Board reserve the right to determine if behavior is outside of the standards set forth in the Court Rule book and the SOJRA rule book.

13. The SOJRA Queen and Princess title holders will be required to send thank you cards (provided by the SOJRA Queen and Court Committee) to all sponsors of the SOJRA (a Sponsors list will be provided by the SOJRA Committee). Additionally all title holders will be responsible for sending thank you cards within 14 days of any events or appearances that were attended.

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## SOUTHERN OREGON JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION QUEEN AND COURT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The following will serve as the Southern Oregon Jr. Rodeo Queen/Court Social Media/Networking Policy. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. The SOJRA board reserves the right to decide if such disciplinary action is required at any time during a title holder's reign.

As a Titleholder I will,

1. Remember that my posts and comments on all social media platforms should always reflect a professional and mature conduct. I will conduct myself accordingly through my words, photos or videos.
2. I will not participate in photographs with or about a significant other while representing the SOJRA Court.
3. I will be respectful to the SOJRA, myself, other title holders, my sponsors and potential pageant competitors.
4. I understand that my online presence reflects the SOJRA and my title. I am aware that my actions captured via images, videos, posts or comments can also reflect that of the SOJRA and its board members.
5. I will not reference or site sponsors, other title holders, or rodeos without their express consent.
6. I understand that ultimately I should be mature, ethical and think prior to making any post or comment.
7. I understand that the SOJRA Board reserves the right to determine if posts or other media content are acceptable and within moral standards that are set forth in our SOJRA rules.
8. I understand that when no policy or guideline exists, I should use my professional judgement and take the most prudent action possible.

Should it be found by the SOJRA board that any Titleholder is in violation of the policy above, the Titleholder will be given (one) written warning and will deliver an apology to the SOJRA Board. Should there be a second offense, the Titleholder will forfeit her title and return all items belonging to the SOJRA Queen / Court Immediately. The Titleholder will also forfeit her right to compete again in future Pageants.

By signing below, contestant and parents agree to the Social Media Policy and have read and understand the above.

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

Parent or Guardian Signature:

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

Printed Name:

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# SOUTHERN OREGON Junior Rodeo Association

## SOUTHERN OREGON JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION QUEEN AND COURT JUDGING GUIDELINES

The Southern Oregon Junior Rodeo Association Queen and Court Pageant will follow these guidelines:

Qualified judges selected for their experience will be used for each category: Horsemanship, Appearance, Speech, Knowledge and Personality.

Decisions of the judges are final. Judges' comments and score cards will be released to contestants upon the close of the contest.

In the event of a tie for Queen or Princess, the contestant with the highest score in horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.

Contestants must score a minimum of 70% to be considered for Queen or Princess on the court.

### **Four Divisions of Judging**

Speech/Knowledge	Appearance, poise, personality and communication	40%
Horsemanship	Ability, appearance, wave, knowledge	30%
Personality/Appearance	Comfort, appearance, communication	30%

### **Tips for Horsemanship:**

The purpose of this category is to select the contestant who rates highest in:

1. Mount and dismount, proper ring etiquette and control in an unexpected situation.
2. Balance, ability and position of hands, feet and seat.
3. Knowledge of horsemanship, horse science and rodeo facts. Horsemanship interview topics could include:



- a. Knowledge of tack
  - b. Horse science (including feeding, grooming, parts of the horse)
  - c. Rodeo facts
4. Showmanship: how the contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.
  5. The understanding and skill of the contestant will be judged, not the horse or equipment.
  6. No ropes or chaps shall be allowed in the competition.

### **Tips for Appearance:**

The purpose of this category is to select the contestant who rates highest in:

1. Grooming: This includes meticulous care in neatness and cleanliness in every detail, such as complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots and other apparel.
2. Posture: This includes carrying oneself straight and tall with self-confidence and poise.
3. Poise: This includes handling every type of situation with grace, style and proper etiquette.
4. Proper fit of clothing: This includes figure-flattering styles altered for personal fit, if necessary and properly fitted and shaped hats, which flatter contestant's faces. Judges will look for versatility and imagination in the contestant's ability to carry out a "total look", rather than an excessive amount of clothing.

### **Tips for Personality:**

The purpose of this category is to select the contestant who rates highest in:

1. Intelligence and common sense.
2. Conversational ability in varied situations with an emphasis on correct grammar and enunciation.
3. A good sense of humor.
4. Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity.
5. Genuine interest in people and consideration of others.
6. Self-projection (the ability to project one's personality) in any situation, whether from horseback or on stage.
7. Positive outlook on life.

8. Promptness and cooperation. Please note: If a contestant fails to arrive on time for any Pageant event, she may be disqualified at the Committee's discretion.

9. Maturity

### **WARDROBE GUIDELINES**

The Pageant Outfit: Long sleeve western blouse, blue jeans and western hat.

The outfit will be worn for the Interview, Horsemanship, and Crowning.

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## SOUTHERN OREGON JUNIOR RODEO ASSOCIATION QUEEN AND COURT PERSONAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Contestant name:

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Home Address

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Home Phone

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### NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS	PHONE

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## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Are you covered under a health plan? Yes No If yes, name of plan:

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Enrollment ID/Group#: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:

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Medication(s) required:

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Medical Alert Conditions:

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Special Instructions:

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Contestant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature

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## SOJRA QUEEN AND COURT WAIVER OF LIABILITY

(I)(We), the undersigned, acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. (I)(We) knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, or horseback riding and participation in the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant and associated parades, rodeos, fairs and public events.

(I)(We), the undersigned, hereby release the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant Committee, and the State of Oregon from any and all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of the SOJRA or any of its agents. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by the SOJRA. I waive, release and discharge the State of Oregon, SOJRA committee, agents and members, their representatives, from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or my property arising out of my participation. This Agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

(I)(We), agree that (I)(We) will indemnify and hold harmless the State of Oregon, SOJRA, Jackson County, members and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action including court costs, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

(I)(We), hereby release the right, title and claim to any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use. (I)(We) certify that (I)(We) have read and understand the rules of the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant, and agree to abide by them. The State of Oregon, SOJRA it's directors, members, agents and employees shall not be liable for any damage or injury to person, horse or property which may occur from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, animal flight or state of health.

(I)(We) acknowledge that (I)(We) have read the foregoing release of liability carefully and fully understand the meaning and effect of the same.

**Signature of Applicant Date**

As a parent/guardian of a contestant under the age of 18, I understand that my daughter, if crowned SOJRA Queen or a member of her Court, has the above obligation to her title and the SOJRA Queen and Court Pageant. I am willing to ensure that daughter has the necessary provisions, including transportation, to fulfill her obligation.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

**Date**

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## SOJRA QUEEN AND COURT TENTATIVE MANDATORY EVENTS LIST 2025 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### May

Rogue Pro Rodeo  
Cottonwood, CA Rodeo – optional

### June

Montague Jr. Rodeo  
NWYRA – optional / St. Paul Jr. Rodeo  
NWYRA – optional / Canyonville Jr. Rodeo  
PYRA – optional, dates TBD  
The Rogue’s Western Days – TBD

### July

NWYRA – optional / Sisters Jr. Rodeo  
Central Point 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade  
PYRA – optional, dates TBD

### August

Umpqua Valley Jr. Rodeo 8/2/24  
Lakeview Jr. Rodeo – tbd  
Klamath Falls Jr. Rodeo 8/16  
Southern Oregon Jr. Rodeo 8/17  
PYRA – optional, dates TBD

### September

Optional - Red Bluff Jr. Round up 9/12-14  
Optional-Lakeview, OR Roundup  
PYRA – optional, dates TBD