



We are looking for Miss Mini Rodeo 2020

**Does your little cowgirl have
big Rodeo Queen dreams?**



*This is her chance to shine as she reigns over
the Minetti Mini Rodeo
and serves as an ambassador at the
Santa Maria Elks Rodeo*

Deadline to Apply: Friday, July 24, 2020

Competition Date: Sunday, August 16, 2020

Winner to receive:

Resistol Hat - Silver Belt Buckle

Sash & Other Prizes

Age requirements:

Must have obtained the age of 7 years and shall not have
obtained the age of 11 years by December 31, 2020

For application packet visit elksrec.com

For Questions email robyn@elksrec.com

or call 805.925.4125





Miss Mini Rodeo 2020

Pageant Overview

Deadline Friday – July 24, 2020

Elks Recreation, Inc. invites you to compete for the 3rd Annual title of *Miss Mini Rodeo 2020*. The Elks Recreation, Inc. is seeking a talented young lady to participate in and represent the Minetti Mini Rodeo and the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.

The Pageant will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2020** in Santa Maria, CA. Competition will include, but may not be limited to, the following categories: horsemanship, interviews, modeling, speeches, and overall personality and appearance.

To compete, contestants must meet the eligibility requirements and submit the application packet that includes the following documents by **Friday, July 24, 2020**:

1. Pageant Overview
2. Application
3. Release of Liability
4. Expectation Statement
5. Rules and Regulations
6. Guidelines

Any contestant not meeting the qualifications set forth below shall be denied the right to compete in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant. Each contestant in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant, on the date of competition and final selection of Miss Rodeo California, should meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Contestants must have obtained the age of 7 years, and shall not have obtained the age of 11 years, by December 31st, the year of competition. Copy of Birth Certificate is required.
2. Must be a current resident of California.
3. Must execute all required documents as set forth in the application packet, consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions prior to competition, by application deadline.
4. Shall abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.
5. Must portray unexcelled sportsmanship, high morals and a superb ethical character.

Being Miss Mini Rodeo requires time commitment to representing the professional sport of rodeo, the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, and Elks Recreation, Inc. In addition to the time commitment, there may be financial commitments, such as attire or transportation, necessary to compete for the Miss Mini Rodeo title and to fulfill her duties.

Miss Mini Rodeo will be awarded the following prizes: A Felt Resistol hat, crown, sash, custom silver belt buckle and other prizes.



Application packets are to be emailed, hand delivered or postmarked no later than **Friday, July 24, 2020**. Application packets should include the following: Completed Pageant Overview, Application, Release of Liability, Expectation Statement, Rules and Regulations, and Guidelines. **Please, ensure that all required documents are included and emailed to robyn@elksrec.com or mailed/hand delivered to: Elks Recreation Office located at 2325 Skyway Drive, Suite H, Santa Maria, CA 93455.** You will be notified when your application packet is received.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Elks Recreation at robyn@elksrec.com or at 805-925-4125 with any questions you may have concerning the Pageant or application process.

We look forward to having you compete for the title of Miss Mini Rodeo 2020!

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Pageant Overview Form of the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if contestant is under age of 18

Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____



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Application

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Personal and Family Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Education

Current School: _____ Grade: _____

School Activities (Extracurricular)

Special Interests, Hobbies & Awards: _____

Why would you like to be Miss Mini Rodeo? _____

Please, check the boxes below. I _____, have attached the necessary documents with this application:

- ☐ Biography
- ☐ Photo
- ☐ Copy of birth certificate



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Release of Liability

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Contestant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release the Elks Recreation, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Santa Maria Elks Rodeo) and the Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538, from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of Santa Maria Elks Rodeo or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by I waive, release and discharge Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, its sponsors, the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns 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 expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, its sponsors, the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, their officers, directors, 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.

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, its sponsors, and/or the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, its agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, mining away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relation: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone: () _____



CONTESTANTS UNDER 18 DO NOT SIGN BELOW LINE. THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant, in consideration of the minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability and specifically including but not limited to the indemnity set forth above, shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, any animals or property involved belonging to the minor arising out of her participation.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

Print name of contestant: _____

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email Address: _____



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Expectation Statement

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- I understand that if I win the title of Miss Mini Rodeo, I will be a representative for the Minetti Mini Rodeo, and the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, and responsible to present the sport of rodeo in its true light to the general public.
- I will strive to represent unexcelled sportsmanship, while exhibiting high moral and ethical character during the pageant. I have read the rules regarding sportsmanship and proper conduct during the pageant and agree to follow these rules.
- I will treat all animals in a humane way.
- I understand that the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant is not a beauty contest. Rather it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes: appearance, personality and horsemanship.
- I understand that the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant may publish my picture before, during and after the contest for both current and future promotional and marketing purposes.
- Riding and horsemanship skills are key to the promotion of the sport of rodeo. Therefore, I will strive to improve my riding and horsemanship skills so that I can better promote the sport of rodeo.

If I become Miss Mini Rodeo, I will:

- Wear my Miss Mini Rodeo sash, western hat, western boots, as well as suitable western attire, any time I am acting in the capacity as Miss Mini Rodeo.
- Not wear crown, sash or represent as Miss Mini Rodeo at any time or any event without written consent from the Elks Recreation, Inc.
- Avail myself of all opportunities to appear as Miss Mini Rodeo to the public and to be prepared for photographs and interview opportunities to promote the sport of rodeo.
- I agree that during official Miss Mini Rodeo activities, a parent or legal guardian must be present.
- I understand that during my reign as Miss Mini Rodeo, the Elks Recreation, Inc. representative in charge of appearances must approve all of my appearances as Miss Mini Rodeo, and I agree to maintain close contact with that representative.
- I agree that during the term of my entry as a contestant and throughout my reign as Miss Mini Rodeo, I shall observe a high standard of moral and ethical behavior, including all internet sites and social media, including Facebook, Instagram, etc. befitting my title and setting a good example to the public, future competitors and the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.
- I agree to provide my own horse and transportation.
- I agree to execute the accompanying Liability Release
- I agree that I have read and understand the Miss Mini Rodeo Rules and Regulations and will abide by these rules during the entire Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant, and during my reign as Miss Mini Rodeo, should I earn the title.



I _____, attest that I meet the Miss Mini Rodeo Eligibility Requirements and I understand and agree, as a contestant of the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant, to comply with the expectations set forth in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant Expectation Statement. I understand that if I fail to meet the aforementioned Eligibility Requirements or contestant expectations, I will not be eligible to hold the title “Miss Mini Rodeo”, and will not be permitted to compete in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if contestant is under age of 18

Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____



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Rules and Regulations

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Thank you for your consideration in competing for the Annual Miss Mini Rodeo title. Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is to be held September 24 – September 27, 2020. The Miss Mini Rodeo **application deadline is Friday, July 24, 2020.**

As a candidate I understand that I must be available for activities and the competition period throughout the months leading up to the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and other events during my reign as Miss Mini Rodeo.

Mandatory dates include:

- September 22, 2020: Media Clown School - 4:00 pm.
- September 23, 2020: Rodeo Meet – N – Greet - 5:00 pm.
- September 24, 2020: Minetti Mini Rodeo - 10:00 am, Golden Circle of Champions 4:00 pm, and 1st PRCA Rodeo Performance - 5:00 pm.
- September 25, 2020: Elks Rodeo VIP Reception 4:00 pm and 2nd PRCA Rodeo Performance - 5:00 pm.
- September 26, 2020: Rodeo Parade - 8:00 am.
- September 26, 2020: 3rd PRCA Rodeo Performance - 4:00 pm.
- September 27, 2020: 4th PRCA Rodeo Performance - 12:00 pm.

If selected as Miss Mini Rodeo, I understand that my reign will be from August 17, 2020 to April 19, 2021. I understand that all dates are subject to change, but every effort will be made by Elks Recreation. Inc. to provide ample notification to qualified candidates for planning purposes.

In consideration of my application being accepted for participation in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miss Mini Rodeo Committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from participation.

I hold harmless the Miss Mini Rodeo Committee, the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, any of the contestants in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant, the Elks Recreation Inc., and its officers, agents and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury received by me in connection with participation in any event, performance, parade or other activity. I further agree to represent good sportsmanship, high moral and ethical character, and humane treatment to animals at all times.

I understand that eligible contestants must have obtained the age of 7 years, and shall not have obtained the age of 11 years, by December 31st, the year of competition. Copy of Birth Certificate is required. Contestants are eligible to enter the pageant a maximum of three times, but only carry the crown 2 years.



I understand that Elks Recreation, Inc. reserves the right to cancel this competition in the event that there are fewer than three applicants.

I understand that every contestant must complete the application packet that includes: Completed Pageant Overview, Application, Release of Liability, Expectation Statement, Rules and Regulations, and Guidelines.

I understand that every contestant will provide a horse and tack for the horsemanship phase of the pageant; (if applicable) to ride in the parade; and during presentation of contestants. No stallions will be permitted.

I understand that western apparel will be worn for all phases of competition and events.

I understand that cell phones or other electronic communication devices will not be allowed during any competition phase of the pageant. A contestant found using a cell phone or other electronic device will be immediately disqualified.

I understand that the harassment of judges, committee members or other contestants, by a contestant, her family or representative, will not be tolerated. Any inappropriate behavior before, during and after the pageant may result in disqualification of the contestant/queen, as well as forfeiture of any and all prizes/gifts gained by participation in the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.

I hereby release the right, title, and claim of any photographs that may be taken by the management for their use in promotion and publicity. Miss Mini Rodeo and/or the contest candidates are not authorized to market themselves, the competition of the Miss Mini Rodeo and related events without the express written permission of Elk Recreation, Inc. This includes all electronic and print media and any social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. All interviews, marketing materials, photos and images related to the Miss Mini Rodeo, candidates and reigning Miss Mini Rodeo are the express property of the Elks Recreation, Inc. and cannot be used without the express written permission of Elks Recreation Inc.

As a contestant of the Miss Mini Rodeo Contest, I understand that I must attend all scheduled events and adhere to the guidelines of suggested attire or I will be disqualified and all awards/gifts will be forfeited. I understand that the Elks Recreation Inc. reserves the right to cancel the contest, extend the deadline or adjust the requirements for contestants, for the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations Form of the Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if contestant is under age of 18

Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email Address: _____



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Guidelines

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Appearance Guidelines

1. **Grooming:** This should include neatness and cleanliness.
2. **Photogenic Quality:** Judges will conduct a review of a single digital photo that the contestant will have submitted with her entry.
3. **Posture:** How a contestant carries herself is very important.
4. **Ladylike behavior:** Contestants should exhibit ladylike behavior in every situation.
5. **Western Fashion Sense:** Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Accessories (hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color.
6. **Proper fit of clothing:** Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits.

Personality Guidelines

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

1. **Conversational ability** in varied circumstances.
2. A good **sense of humor**.
3. **Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.**
4. **Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.**
5. **A happy outlook on life.**
6. **Promptly and correctly** answer the interview questions.
7. **Confidence and ease** while modeling.
8. Ability to perform an **appealing and informational** one (1) minute speech on why you want to be Miss Mini Rodeo.
9. **Exhibit your personality.**

Horsemanship Guidelines (Optional – Not Required)

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

1. **Horsemanship** – Control of the horse and the way the contestant handles each situation that may occur.
2. **Balance** – The ability to sit steady in a saddle.
3. **Position** of hands, feet, and seat.
4. **Mounting and dismounting.**
5. **Understanding and skill** will be judged and not the horse or equipment.
6. There will be one round of Horsemanship competition. A pattern will be selected by the panel of Judges. At the discretion of the Judges, patterns may be altered due to the arena conditions. Any changes and/or alterations to the Horsemanship patterns will be announced to the Contestants before the Horsemanship competition begins.
7. **Showmanship** – How well a contestant projects her personality to the audience from horseback.



Judging Guidelines

The Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant will use the following procedures for judging:

1. At least three (3) Judges will be used to judge all categories.
2. Judging will cover three categories: Appearance, Personality and Horsemanship.
3. The services of an independent Auditor will be used to tally the Judge's scores.
4. Pageant Officials will not have access to completed judging sheets. The Judges will select from among themselves one person to serve as Head Judge and that Judge will gather the completed score sheets from all of the Judges, put them in a sealed envelope and personally see that the Auditor receives them.
5. Decisions by the Judges are final!
6. Scoring ties for each category (Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship) will be broken by referring back to the score of Judge #1. That score will break the tie. If a tie still remains, the score of Judge #2 will be used... and so on until the tie is broken.
7. A tie in scoring for Miss Mini Rodeo (and first runner-up) will be broken by the Horsemanship scores. The contestant with the highest score in Horsemanship will receive the higher ranking.
8. The Miss Mini Rodeo Pageant will select the Judges based on their expertise in the various categories.
9. Contestants will have one (1) personal interview with the panel of Pageant Judges. Judges will ask questions pertaining to rodeo, horsemanship, western attire, etc.

Photo Guidelines

1. Provide one (1) color digital photograph with 300 dpi. If submitting a hard copy of the application packet, please, email a photo AND include a 4x6 photo in your application packet.
2. The photos should be a head and shoulder shot in western attire and hat. No personal crown or sash is allowed.
3. The photo submitted may be used by the Elks Recreation, Inc. to promote the Minetti Mini Rodeo and the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Elks Recreation, Inc.
4. Submitted photos and any subsequent pictures taken in connection with the pageant in any manner are the property of the Elks Recreation, Inc. and may be used for promotional purposes without written consent of the contestant.



Autobiography Guidelines

Every contestant is required to submit one (1) autobiography with her application. The following guidelines are to be used in composing your autobiographies. Your autobiography will be used for public relations activities and print media and should be 75 - 100 words. This autobiography should be in third person and contain the following:

1. Information on your place of birth, and where you live
2. School, church, or other activities
3. Personal successes
4. Reason for your interest in horses and riding (if applicable)
5. Why you have chosen to compete for the title of "Miss Mini Rodeo"
6. Any particular story of interest that may relate to rodeo or your desire to be crowned "Miss Mini Rodeo"

This autobiography may be used in print media and public relations material for the Elks Recreation, Inc. The Elks Recreation, Inc. retains editorial jurisdiction over content. Any written materials you provide may be modified to fit public relations guidelines.

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Date

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Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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