

***Who will become...***

# *Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020?*



*Chelsea Estes*

Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2019

**Deadline to Apply:**

**Friday, July 24, 2020**

**Competition Date:**

**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

*Winner to receive:*

*Resistol Hat - Silver Belt Buckle*

*Sash & Other Prizes*

## ***Calling All Cowgirls!***

Here is your opportunity to  
become an ambassador for this year's  
***Santa Maria Elks Rodeo***

Age requirements:

must have obtained the age of 19 years and shall not have  
obtained the age of 27 years by December 31, 2020



For application packet  
visit [elksrec.com](http://elksrec.com)

For questions:  
email [robyn@elksrec.com](mailto:robyn@elksrec.com)  
or call 805.925.4125





## **Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020**

### **Pageant Overview**

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

Elks Recreation, Inc. invites you to compete for the annual title of *Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020*. The Elks Recreation, Inc. will conduct the Pageant under the guidelines of the Miss Rodeo California Pageant allowing the winner to be eligible to compete for Miss Rodeo California upon her successful reign as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.

The Pageant will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2020** in Santa Maria, California. 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant. Each contestant in the Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 19 years, and shall not have obtained the age of 27 years, by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the year of competition. Copy of Birth Certificate is required.
2. Must be a current resident of California, having resided in California for a complete year by application deadline. Verification may be requested.
3. Must not have previously been, or presently be, married and/or pregnant.
4. 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.
5. Shall abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant.
6. Must not have ever been convicted of a crime. A background search may be conducted.
7. Must portray unexcelled sportsmanship, high morals and a superb ethical character.



**Being Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo requires a full-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 necessary to compete for the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo title. Elks Recreation, Inc. reserves the right to assist in financial support as able but it is the responsibility of the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo titleholder to ensure all financial requirements are met. It is recommended that Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo host fundraisers in her local community to help with any expenses, such as, but not limited to travel, apparel, etc.**

Contestants should be well versed in rodeo knowledge. It is recommended that contestants review online material of the Pro Rodeo Sports News or visit their website at [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com).

Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo will be awarded the following prizes: A 40x Arena Felt Resistol hat, crown, sash, custom made 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](mailto:robyn@elksrec.com) or mailed/hand delivered to: The 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 [robyn@elksrec.com](mailto:robyn@elksrec.com) or call the office at 805-925-4125 with any questions you may have concerning the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant or application process.

We look forward to having you compete for the title of Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020!

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

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Signature of Contestant

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Date

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

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Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

Application

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

### **Personal and Family Information:**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Education**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your major and/or degree(s) you hold: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **School Activities (Extra-curricular)**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Special Interests, Awards & Activities (not horse related): \_\_\_\_\_

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Goals and Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rodeo and other horse related activities in which you are currently participating: \_\_\_\_\_

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Past participation in Rodeo and other horse related activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Awards received for Rodeo and other horse related activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rodeo Queen Titles you have held and year (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address of your hometown newspaper or publication to which you would like a press release sent to should you become Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you like to be Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Biography

☐ Photo

☐ Copy of birth certificate



## Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

### Release of Liability

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

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, 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, 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, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



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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: \_\_\_\_\_





## **Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo**

### **Expectation Statement**

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

- I understand that if I win the title of Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, I will be Santa Maria Elks Rodeo's official representative 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 educate myself concerning the proper treatment of animals used in rodeos and agree to treat all animals in a humane way.
- I understand that the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant is not a beauty contest. Rather it is a competition that recognizes a number of attributes: Horsemanship, personality, public speaking and appearance. Therefore, it will be my responsibility, as Santa Maria Elks Rodeo's official rodeo representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves, any time that I am in the public eye.
- 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, I will:***

- Wear my Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo sash, western hat, western boots, as well as suitable western attire, any time I am acting in the capacity as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.
- Not wear crown, sash or represent as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo at any time or any event without written consent from the Elks Recreation, Inc.
- Avail myself of all opportunities to appear as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo to the public and to be prepared for photographs and interview opportunities to promote the sport of rodeo.
- Attend specific rodeos as requested by the Elks Recreation, Inc. and attend other rodeos, when I am able in my area of the state.
- Attend and compete in the Miss Rodeo California Pageant held the year of my reign. I understand I am responsible for raising the funds needed for clothing requirements, travel expenses and all other expenses related to competing at the Miss Rodeo California and Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageants. Elks Recreation, Inc. will be responsible for the contestant's Miss Rodeo California Entry Fee only.





- I understand that I am responsible for my own lodging in Santa Maria during the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo the year of my reign, if needed.
- Elks Recreation, Inc. reserves the right to provide additional financial assistance as able. All requests must have prior approval by Elks Recreation, Inc.
- I agree that during official Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant, activities including the Miss Rodeo California Pageant, an official chaperone or chaperones may be designated and that I will cooperate fully with these chaperones.
- I understand that during my reign as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, the Elks Recreation, Inc. representative in charge of appearances must approve all of my appearances as Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, I shall remain unmarried and 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant.
- I agree to provide my own horse and transportation to all events as necessary.
- I agree to execute the accompanying Liability Release.
- I agree that I have read and understand the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Rules and Regulations and will abide by these rules during the entire Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant and during my reign as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, should I earn the title.

I \_\_\_\_\_, attest that I meet the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Eligibility Requirements and I understand and agree, as a contestant of the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant, to comply with the expectations set forth in the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant Contestants Expectations, copies of which I received in my official application packet. 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo," and will not be permitted to compete in the Santa Maria Elks 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020**

## **Rules and Regulations**

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

Thank you for your consideration in competing for the 3rd Annual Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo title. The competition is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2020**, and the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is to be held September 24<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks 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 1<sup>st</sup> PRCA Rodeo Performance - 5:00 pm.
- September 25, 2020: Elks Rodeo VIP Reception 4:00 pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> PRCA Rodeo Performance - 5:00 pm.
- September 26, 2020: Rodeo Parade - 8:00 am.
- September 26, 2020: 3<sup>rd</sup> PRCA Rodeo Performance - 4:00 pm.
- September 27, 2020: 4<sup>th</sup> PRCA Rodeo Performance - 12:00 pm.

If selected as Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from participation.

I hold harmless the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Committee, the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, any of the contestants in the Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 as a contestant I shall remain free of any questionable behavior involving an issue of morality. Consumption of alcohol, use of illegal drugs, or involvement in any illegal activities will not be tolerated, and will be grounds for disqualification.

I understand that eligible contestants must be single females, having never been married and/or pregnant. Contestants must have obtained the age of 19 years, and shall not have obtained the age of 27 years, by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the year of competition. Copy of Birth Certificate is required. Contestants are eligible to enter the pageant a maximum of three times, but may only carry title two years.

I understand that Elks Recreation, Inc. reserves the right to cancel this competition in the event that there are fewer than three eligible applications received by the official application deadline.

I understand that every contestant must personally prepare 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; 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. Western apparel will be jeans, blouse, hat, and boots.

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 Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and/or the contest candidates are not authorized to market themselves, the competition of the Miss Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, candidates and reigning Miss Santa Maria Elks



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 Santa Maria Elks 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.

If I happen to currently hold the title of another rodeo association or equine organization upon entering the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Contest, I understand that if I should win:

- My duties as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo will take precedence over my other title for the year of my reign as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.
- Although all Elks Recreation Inc. scheduled events will take precedence over my previous title, I understand that the Elks Recreation Inc. will encourage me to attend functions held in regards to my previous title commitment.

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 Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations Form of the Miss Santa Maria Elks 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 2020

## Guidelines

**Deadline – Friday, July 24, 2020**

### *Appearance Guidelines*

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1. Attractiveness **with self-confidence**.
2. **Grooming:** This should include neatness and cleanliness in every detail including complexion, hands, fingernails, hair, hat, boots, and other wearing apparel. Meticulous care in general grooming is essential for a young lady to be considered as Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo.
3. **Photogenic Quality:** Judges will conduct a review of a single digital photo that the contestant will have submitted with her entry.
4. **Posture:** How a contestant carries herself is very important. The Judges will be looking for contestants to carry themselves straight and tall and exude self-confidence and poise.
5. **Poise and ladylike behavior** in every situation: Judges look for contestants to handle each situation in which they are involved with grace and style. Judges will also be looking for contestants to have a substantial knowledge of proper etiquette.
6. **Western Fashion Sense:** Contestants should pick outfits that reflect fashionable and tasteful western clothing. Judges will be paying particular attention to contestant's ability to use colors to enhance her natural coloring, appearance and eye appeal.
7. **Proper fit of clothing:** Contestants should pay particular attention to the fit of their outfits. Outfits should be figure flattering and altered to fit her personally. Judges will be looking for a properly fitting hat that is shaped to flatter the Contestants face. Contestants should remember that this is not a clothing pageant. It is not necessary to invest an excessive amount of money in clothing. Judges will be looking for versatility and imagination and a contestant's ability to carry out a "total look".
8. **Knowledge of western clothing:** Contestants should be familiar with the major western wear manufacturers and the latest trends in the western wear industry.
9. **The Horsemanship outfit** should consist of jeans of any style or color with a coordinating blouse that should be tucked in. Accessories (hat, boots, belt, etc.) may be any color. Chaps are permitted but not required.

### *Personality Guidelines*

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

1. **Intelligence and good common sense.**
2. **Conversational ability** in varied circumstances, with an emphasis on grammar and enunciation.
3. A good **sense of humor**.
4. **Self-confidence, high moral standards, sincerity, and integrity.**
5. **Genuine interest in other people and consideration of others.**
6. **Self-Projection** – the ability to project one's personality, whether it be from horseback or appearing on stage before a crowd.
7. A **happy outlook on life**.
8. **Promptness** in keeping the pageant schedule.
9. **Maturity.**



10. **The ability to clearly express** one's educational backgrounds and career goals.
11. **Promptly and correctly** answering the interview questions. Each contestant will be interviewed and may contain the following categories; knowledge of tack, horse science, professional rodeo and history, rodeo terminology, explanation of "standard" rodeo events, championship standings, and current issues of the PRCA magazine.
12. **Confidence and ease** while modeling.
13. Ability to perform an **appealing and informational** speech on why you want to be Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo during the interview. The top five (5) competitors will be required to give an additional impromptu speech to the audience during the Coronation Ceremony. Both speeches are not to exceed two (2) minutes.
14. **Exhibit your personality!**

### *Horsemanship Guidelines*

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The purpose of this category is to evaluate:

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*

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The Miss Santa Maria Elks 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, and 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 Santa Maria Elks 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 Santa Maria Elks 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, current events, western attire, personal goals, opinions, etc. Judges will attempt to determine the character and knowledge of each contestant.



## *Photo Guidelines*

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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 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*

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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 100 - 150 words. This autobiography should be in third person and contain the following:

1. Information on your place of birth, and where you grew up.
2. School, church, or other activities.
3. Personal successes that have helped shape the person you are today.
4. Your future plans (school, profession, etc.).
5. Reason for your interest in horses and riding.
6. Why you have chosen to compete for the title of "Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo".
7. How you would benefit from being crowned "Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo".
8. Any particular story of interest that may relate to rodeo or your desire to be crowned "Miss Santa Maria Elks 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.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Guidelines Form of the Miss Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Pageant.

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Signature of Contestant

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Date

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

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Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_