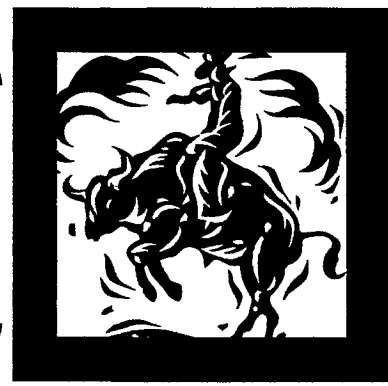




**2017
Russian River
Rodeo Queen**



Thank you for your interest in competing for the title of the 2017 Russian River Rodeo Queen!

Enclosed, you will find the contest rules, requirements and application.

The pageant's events consist of horsemanship, speech, impromptu questions, and interview. Contestants need to also be prepared for required appearances at the Rodeo and the Stumptown Daze Parade.

The opportunity to represent the Russian River Rodeo as queen for a year is an honor. Pageant contestants will be expected to follow all rules, regulations, and meet all of the eligibility requirements.

- * Application Deadline – April 24**
- * Stumptown Parade – (Queen Contestants & 2016 Queen)**
- * Riding Pattern @ Rodeo Grounds**
- * Sweethearts Dinner (Speech, Interview & Crowning) – June 2017**
- * 2017 Rodeo Weekend**
- * Playday Dates**

**If you have any questions please contact Cecelia Curlee 707-495-3714
or visit
www.russianriverrodeo.org**



Queen Contestant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone (Home): _____

Zip: _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Activities and/or Occupation:

School: _____ Grade: _____

Contest Sponsor: _____

A Contest Sponsor is not required; this is only an opportunity for you to recognize someone that has provided you with assistance.

Your signature states that you have read all documents and are willing to adhere to all rules and regulations of this contest. You plan to work with the Russian River Rodeo Queen Committee Members concerning dates and events for the next year. You are acknowledging that any event where you are representing the Russian River Rodeo Assn. you will practice appropriate conduct at all times and will be in the **required western apparel including your "Miss Russian River Rodeo" sash, crown and buckle.**

Signature: _____

Miss Russian River Rodeo Waiver of Liability

In consideration of my application being accepted for participation in the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest, I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Russian River Rodeo Association and the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" committee and understand that any violation of the rules and regulations may disqualify me from the contest. I further agree to hold harmless the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest committee, the Russian River Rodeo Association and its officers agents, members, and employees for any claims resulting from the loss, accident or injury, received by me in connection with my participation in any event, performance, parade or other activities. Also, I hereby release the right, title and claims of any text, images or photographs that may be taken and/or used relating to the Russian River Rodeo and the queen contest for their use in promotion and publicity. I certify that I have read the rules and regulation of the "Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen" contest.

I agree to fulfill my obligation(s) as "Miss Russian River Rodeo" conducting myself in the proper manner and/or way of life by remaining unmarried and free of any questionable acts involving an issue of morality.

I agree to return any and all items received in relationship to the title of "Miss Russian River Rodeo" including scholarship funds, sash, crown, gifts and belt buckle if at any time it is determined I cannot fulfill my duties and obligations as "Miss Russian River Rodeo."

I also agree that if I am chosen as first runner-up or second runner-up I will make myself available and maintain my eligibility to fill the capacity of "Miss Russian River Rodeo".

I have carefully read all documents provided including the aforementioned statement and the accompanying Waiver of Liability and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein.

Signature of Contestant : _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Birth Date of Contestant: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____
(If Contestant is under 21 years of age)

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____
(If different than contestant)

Telephone Number : (_____) _____
(If different than contestant)

RUSSIAN RIVER RODEO ASSOCIATION
Agreement and Release from Liability

I, _____, on behalf of myself, my successors and all persons under my care and responsibility, including my children, in consideration of being granted permission to participate in activities associated with the rodeo, gymkhana and trail rides sponsored by the Russian River Rodeo Association (The "Russian River Events"), acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Voluntary Participation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in activities ("Activities") associated with the Russian River Events. I further acknowledge that I have been advised of and understand that (a) participation in the Russian River Events and in the Activities which are associated with the Russian River Events involves inherent risks of injuries and damages to me and my property; (b) my safety and the protection of my property cannot be assured during participation in these Activities; and © I have been instructed to purchase and to wear any and all protective equipment, which is appropriate for use in the Activity in which I am participating.

2. Assumption of Risks. With such knowledge and understanding, I hereby assume the entire risk of any and all harm to person or property from any cause associated with participation in these Activities.

3. Release. I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make any claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Parmeter family, the Russian River rodeo association, and each of their respective employees, operators, contractors, directors, officers, members, agents or representatives (hereinafter called "RELEASEES"), for any damage or injuries occurring to my person or property arising out of or in any way incidental to my participation in Activities associated with the Russian River Events. I hereby release RELEASEES from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may have for injury or damage arising out of or in any way incidental to my participation in Activities associated with the Russian River Events.

4. Waiver of Statutory Protection. I knowingly and voluntarily expressly release and discharge RELEASEES from all such liability or claim even though such liabilities or claims are not known or suspected at this time. This release is knowingly and voluntarily entered into, despite the statutory language of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which protection I voluntary wave and which reads as follows: "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 is known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

5. Agreement to Indemnify and to Hold Harmless. I, for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, agree to indemnify RELEASEES and to hold RELEASEES harmless against all actions, claims, demands, debts, costs of the litigation and attorneys' fees which may in any way arise out of or result from my participation in the Activities associated with Russian River Events.

6. Medical Care Authorization. In connection with any injury I may sustain or illness or other medical conditions I may experience during my participation in or attendance at Russian River Events, I authorize any emergency first aid, medication, medical treatment or surgery deemed necessary by the attending medical personnel if I am not able to act on my own behalf. I further authorize the attending medical personnel to execute on my behalf any permission forms, consents or the appropriate medical documents and to act on my behalf if I am not able or immediately available to do so.

7. Attorneys' Fees. If any legal action or any arbitration or other processing is brought for this enforcement of this agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default, or misrepresentation in connection with any of the provisions of this agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which it or they may be entitled

8. Execution of This Release. I have knowingly and voluntarily read this document with care and I fully understand its contents. I am aware that this agreement constitutes a full and complete waiver and release of all claims that may exist against RELEASEES in the future. I am signing this agreement of my own free will. I further acknowledge that I have been advised to seek legal counsel to review this document with me.

Signature of Releasers _____ Date _____

Spouse _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian must sign for minor children

I, the undersigned, am the parent or guardian of _____ ("Child").

In consideration of my Child's participation in the Activities associated with the Russian River Events, I hereby agree, on behalf of my Child to the terms and conditions of this agreement and release from liability and bind my Child to the same agreement made herein on my own behalf. I further agree, on my own behalf, and for my heirs, executors and administrators to release RELEASEES and to hold RELEASEES harmless against any and all claims, costs of litigation and attorneys fees which may in any way arise out of or result from my Child's participation in the Activities associated with the Russian River Events. I have read this document carefully and fully understand its contents.

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____
Name (print) _____

RUSSAIN RIVER RODEO QUEEN COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. HORSEMANSHIP (100 points)

- Judges will judge contestants on reining pattern, queens run, and impromptu questions.
- Impromptu questions will be asked on general horse knowledge, such as anatomy, tack, care, etc.
- Contestants will be judged on horsemanship skills, personality and appearance.
- See attached pattern.

2. INTERVIEW (25 points)

- Interviews will be 10-15 minutes long.
- Questions asked will cover personality, CCPRA rodeo information, current events, etc.
- Contestants will be judged on personality, communication skills, and rodeo/horse information.

3. IMPROMPTU QUESTIONS (25 points)

- Questions can be rodeo, horse, and current events.
- These questions will be asked immediately following your interview.

4. SPEECH (50 points)

- Your speech must be 3-5 minutes long. Topics: may include anything pertaining to the sport of rodeo or the western lifestyle
- Contestants will be judged on content and delivery of their speech.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Remember that this is not a clothing contest. Fancy leather outfits and sequins are not necessary. A clean and tailored look is recommended.

HORSEMANSHIP

- Western denim or colored jeans, western long sleeve shirt or slinky, (shirts must be tucked in) hat, western boots, and belt. No chaps. No jackets.

INTERVIEW & SPEECH

- Western blue denim or colored jeans, skirt, western long sleeve shirt or slinky, hat, and western boots. (Can be same outfit as horsemanship)

PARADE AND RODEO

- Western blue denim or colored jeans, western long sleeve shirt, hat western boots, and belt. (Good time to get out those shiny shirts that you can see from a distance!)

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

1. Cowboy hat at all times
2. Cowboy boots- NO fashion heels
3. Long sleeve shirt at all times, NO short mid-drift shirts!
4. No cleavage
5. Boot and skirt heights compatible.
6. All split skirts in good taste.
7. No baggie or poorly tailored pants or jackets
8. No spandex pants or skirts

DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Miss Russian River Rodeo Queen Queen Contest Rules and Regulations

Thank you for your consideration in competing for Miss Russian River Rodeo. The competition is scheduled to be held in May – June 2017. The application deadline is April 24, 2017.

The contest portion of the Russian River Rodeo Queens Contest will include:

- 1) Horsemanship: Contestants will be asked to perform a horsemanship pattern....
- 2) Speech contest: Guidelines will be given after the application has been received
- 3) Appearance: Contestants will be judged on their appearance and professionalism during the duration of the contest.

TICKET SALES:

Each contestant will be required to sell a minimum of 200 sweetheart raffle tickets to be eligible for the contest. Starting at 201 tickets sold you will receive a 10% back as an incentive.

Tickets and money must be turned in at the sweetheart dinner. Any contestant who did not sell their portion of tickets may be disqualified. If you sell additional tickets you will receive your incentive of 10% back during the sweethearts dinner.

Tickets sales are an important part of fundraising for the Russian River Rodeo Association. All contestants are required to sell tickets in order to compete and to hold the title of Russian River Rodeo Queen.

Liability Release:

The Russian River Rodeo Association (RRRA) along with the event sponsors, contest sponsors, their agents, officers, and employees must be released from any and all liability, which might result from, or arise out of, a contestant's participation in the contest, including all activities in connection therewith. Before any contestant is eligible to compete the attached waiver of liability must be signed by the contestant and the contestant's parent and/or guardian, if the said contestant is under the age of 21 during any portion of the period of competition or potential reign as Miss Russian River Rodeo.

Eligible contestants:

Must be single females, having never been married; not less than 18 years of age as of May 1, 2017; and not more than 24 years of age as of July 31, 2017.

Contestants are eligible to enter the contest a maximum of three times.

Past "Miss Russian River Rodeo" queens are not eligible to compete.

Contestant shall remain free of any questionable behavior as defined at the discretion of the Russian River Rodeo Board of Directors and/or Queen Contest Committee including actions involving an issue of morality.

The Association reserves the right to edit your submitted autobiographies content to meet the purpose of the competition for the promotion of the Russian River Rodeo. All images, written content and photos submitted or taken in relationship to the competition become the property of the Russian River Rodeo Association and can only be used with the express written permission of the Association.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Cecelia Curlee at 707-495-3714 or by email ceceliacurlee@gmail.com.

Completed application should be mailed to the following:

Russian River Rodeo Association
Attention: Cecelia Curlee
PO Box 784
Gualala, CA 95445

You can also email a scanned copy of the application by April 24, 2017 followed by the original application being mailed to the above address.

Application must be postmarked on or before April 24, 2017 to be eligible

Rodeo Queen Contest Appearance Dates:

Orientation

May 13, 2017

Duncan Mills

Come dressed in western attire

Be ready to take a head shot that will be used in the program for the rodeo

(Weather permitting)

Stumptown Daze Parade

June 10, 2017

Guerneville

Requirements:

Participate in the parade by handing out flyers and promoting the rodeo to the crowd

Horsemanship Competition

June 10, 2017, following the parade

Duncan Mills RRRA

Requirements- see application packet for your pattern and more details about this portion of the contest

Sweethearts Dinner 2017

Thursday before the rodeo, June 22, 2017

We will be having a pork chop and apple sauce dinner for \$10 per adult and \$5 per child

Please invite your family and friends!

Russian River Rodeo

Duncan Mills

June 24 & 25, 2017

You will be introduced during the rodeo's grand entry.

Please prepare a short biography of yourself to be read during this time.

*If crowned Rodeo Queen you will also be required to attend:

You are encouraged and welcome to attend any event that the Russian River Rodeo Association puts on.

2018

Thank sponsors of the queen program for 2017

Stumptown Daze Parade 2018 (on horseback, you will be the only one riding)

Sweethearts Dinner 2018

Russian River Rodeo 2018 (Optional, for final good bye lap)

Miss Russian River Rodeo Autobiography Guidelines

Every Contestant is required to submit **two** (2) autobiographies with her application. The following guidelines are to be used in composing your autobiographies.

Your first autobiography will be used for public relations activities and print media and should be at least 400 to 450 words. This autobiography should be in narrative form and contain the following:

- Information on your place of birth, and where you grew up
- School, church, or other activities
- Personal successes that have helped shape the person you are today
- Your future plans (school, profession, etc.)
- Reason for your interest in horses and riding
- Why you have chosen to compete for the title of “Miss Russian River Rodeo”
- How you would benefit from being crowned “Miss Russian River Rodeo”
- Any particular story of interest that may relate to rodeo or your desire to be crowned “Miss Russian River Rodeo”

This autobiography may be used in the official Russian River Rodeo Program and possible other media and public relations materials for the Russian River Rodeo. The Russian River Rodeo Association retains editorial jurisdiction over content. Your essay may be modified to fit public relations guidelines.

Your second autobiography will be used by Announcers and Maters of Ceremonies; and should be approximately 200-250 words. Please keep in mind this autobiography may be used when you are being introduced to a group or crowd of people. This autobiography should be written in the second person. This autobiography should include your name and age, your sponsor, yours parents' names, your plans for the future; a possible welcome to those present; anyone you would like to thank; etc.

Sample: This is Susie Jones. Susie is an 18-year-old student at Fresno State University; she is pursuing a degree in Ag Business. Miss Jones is sponsored by the Russian River Rodeo Horse Club and has been riding horses since she was 5. Miss Jones would like to thank her parents for all the support they have given her in her pursuits. Etc.

Both autobiographies must be typewritten and should be submitted in hardcopy and electronic “word” format, (CD / Flash Drive / Etc.)

The Russian River Rodeo Association reserves the right to edit your submitted autobiographies to meet the purpose of the competition for the promotion of the Russian River Rodeo. All written content and photos submitted or taken in relationship to the competition become the property of the Russian River Rodeo Association and can only be used with the express written permission of the Association.

Miss Russian River Rodeo Photographic Guidelines

Please remember, we need you to provide us with **One glossy, black and white 4" x6" photograph**. The photo should be a head and shoulder photo in western attire and hat. The photo submitted will be used by the Russian River Rodeo Association to promote the Russian River Rodeo and the Queen Competition and will be used in the Russian River Rodeo Program. In addition, please include an original digital copy of your photo on the same electronic device with your two (2) written autobiographies in a .jpg or .tif format of 300 dpi or higher.

Submitted photos and any subsequent pictures taken in connection with the contest in any manner are the property of the Russian River Rodeo Association and may be used by the Association for promotional purposes without the consent of the contestant.



Selection of Impromptu Questions

This is only a study guide – questions given at contest may not be listed here.

What is a hooley?

What does CCPRA stand for?

When did the CCPRA first form?

Who is the current president of the RRRA?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Bareback Riding?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Saddle Bronc Riding?

Name four ways a cowboy can be disqualified in Bull Riding?

How long does a calf have to stay tied in tie down roping?

What is a hazer?

What is the average?

What is added money?

What is the pay window?

What is strangles?

What is the coggins test?

Describe what happens when you float a horse's teeth?

What are a horses vital signs?

How often should you trim your horse's feet?

How often should a horse be dewormed?

What is a flank strap?

What is required to win the All Around title?

Describe the draw?

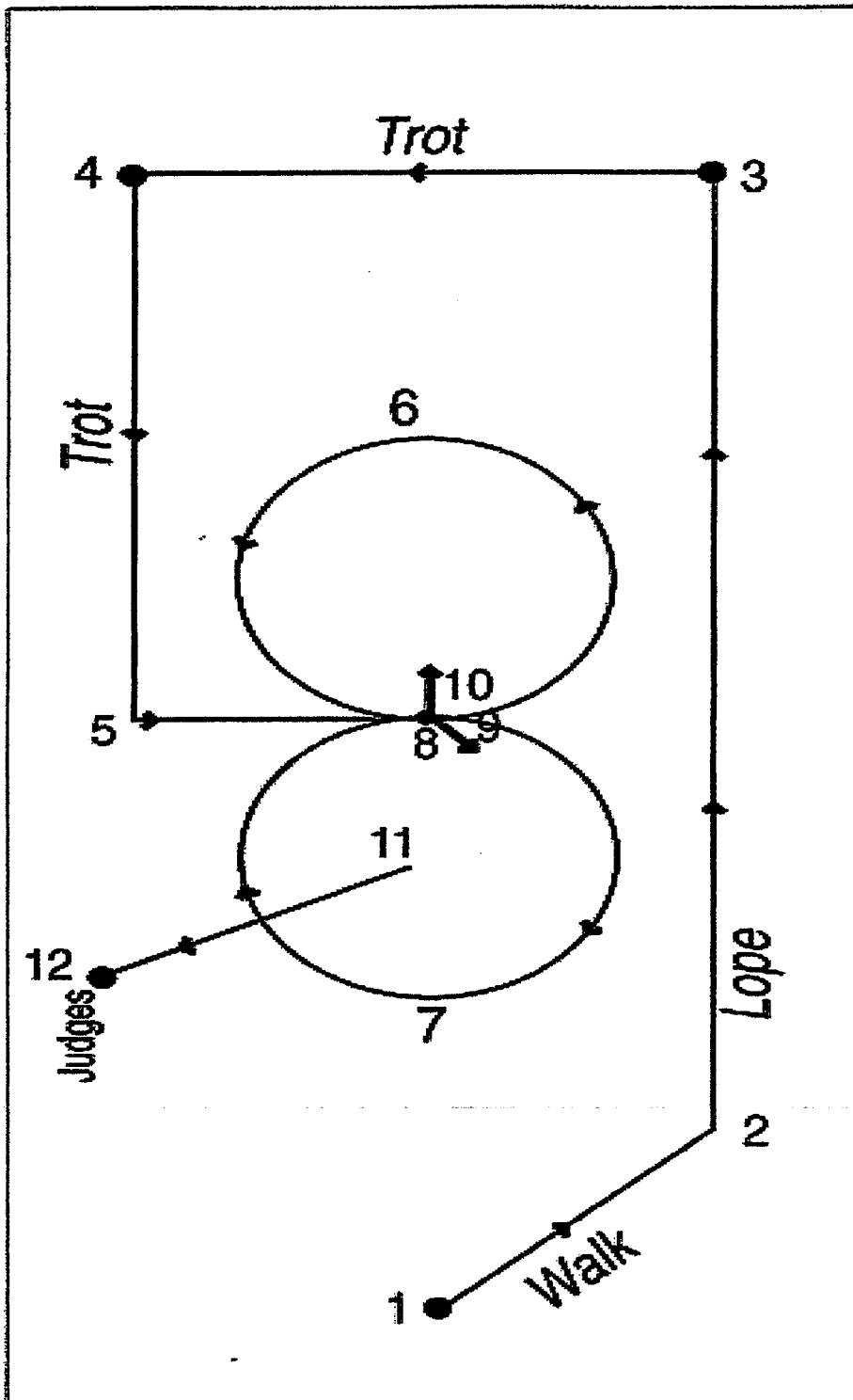
What is the well?

What is a pigging string?

Describe the "mark-out" rule.

Which rough stock event does not have a mark-out rule?

Is a figure eight heel catch legal?



1—Enter the arena leading horse. Mount horse at point 1.

1 to 2—Walk horse to rail.

2 to 3—Turn left and lope to 3.

3—Stop.

3 to 4—Turn left and trot to 4.

4—Stop.

4 to 5—Turn left and trot to 5.

5—Turn left and begin lope.

6 and 7—Ride a large figure eight at a lope.

8—Stop.

9—Pivot left or right 90 degrees.

10—Pivot the other direction 180 degrees.

11—Back at least 6 paces.

12—Turn and walk to judges. Dismount for inspection.

- ◆ After the Judges dismiss you re-mount your horse add walk to point 1.
- ◆ From point 1 start a queens run counter clock wise around entire arena stopping back at point 1.
- ◆ Retrieve flag from arena attendant and make a flag run (at a controlled speed) starting and ending at point 1.
- ◆ Safely hand flag back to arena attendant and exit the arena.