

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL BULLRIDERS

Miss NFPB Pageant

Welcome to the eleventh annual Miss NFPB Pageant in St. Joseph, MO. We look forward to meeting you and wish you the best of luck in this competition. We hope the following information will help you prepare for the upcoming event. If you have any questions on the contest, please call or email me and I will be happy to help you.

Who is Miss NFPB?

Miss NFPB is the spokesperson for the National Federation of Professional Bullriders. She will be required to attend all NFPB produced shows and at least 5% of NFPB sanctioned shows. She will act as the official representative of the NFPB by making public appearances as well as promoting the sport of bullriding. Miss NFPB will be required to travel and must be able to provide her own transportation.

National Pageant

The Miss NFPB Pageant is a national pageant. Girls from all 50 states are eligible to compete. This pageant will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Miss NFPB Pageant. The fee to enter the pageant is \$100 and includes your hotel room plus some meals.

The deadline for entering the pageant is February 1, 2008. The dates of the pageant are April 2-6, 2008. All try-outs will be completed at this date. Winners will be announced on April 6, 2008 at the awards banquet. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Contest Eligibility

Each contestant must be not less than 18, nor more than 25 years of age as of January 1, 2008 with proof of age, shall never have been married or pregnant, shall waiver liability, and shall never have held a Miss NFPB title before. All contestants must agree to abide by the pageant rules, with the possibility of disqualification for infractions.

Should the circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner she will be disqualified from the competition. The committee feels it is the duty and obligation of anyone in a competition of this status to portray the highest of moral standards and show the true ideals of young womanhood and set an example above reproach.

All contestants must buy/sell at least a full-page ad in the Finals Program. Sponsorship packages will be given after entry fee is paid. The contestant that sells the most ads will be awarded a prize.

Pageant Judging

Judges are selected for their expertise in all the fields of competition. They should all have an awareness of correct western dress, are an experienced western type horseman or woman who is accustomed to judging horse events and work with the public in everyday situations.

The contestants will be judged in eight areas: Horsemanship, speech, written test, modeling, photogenic, extemporaneous question, personal interview and Miss Congeniality. Horsemanship will be judged while the contestants are riding their patterns and on their knowledge of horsemanship during their interview. Personality and appearance will be judged throughout the pageant.

Appearance and Personality – While this may not be a specific judging event, it will be imperative. The purpose of this is to select the girl who rates highest in: attractiveness and grooming, to include neatness and cleanliness in every detail; poise and posture, lady-like behavior in every situation; photogenic quality; knowledge of proper western attire with particular attention given to color coordination. This is not a clothes contest, however, the contestants are expected to wear full western dress (meaning pants, jeans, skirt, western shirt or blouse and/or jacket, hat, belt and boots). It is not necessary to invest an extensive amount in clothing until and unless you are selected as Miss NFPB. Judges will be looking for versatility, imagination, creativity, and current styles displayed by the contestants. Personality also plays a big part in the Miss NFPB pageant. You will be judged on maturity, high moral standards, sincerity and integrity. Rodeo Queens must make public appearances, sign autographs and generally be able to meet the public well with a sense of humor and be at ease. Good common sense is essential.

Horsemanship – The purpose of this division is to select a girl who rates highest in horsemanship, to include control of the mount and the way any situation may occur is handled. The judges will be looking for balance, position of hands, feet and seat and running patterns. Contestants will be asked to demonstrate their pattern and possibly other runs, such as grand entry, etc. Dress for this event shall be white, long sleeved shirt and blue jeans. No colored jeans. Failure to meet these rules will result in a zero for this event. Showmanship should be considered since a contestant's personality does project from horseback to the audience and judges. Questions will be asked on knowledge of professional rodeo, explanation of events and general rodeo terminology. A horse will be provided for this event.

Modeling – Each contestant will be required to model an outfit of their choice. The judges will be looking for originality, style, neatness and color coordination. You will be required to do a runway walk.

Speech – The speech will be given during the modeling competition. It is to be at least 3 minutes in length and on the sport of bullriding. The judges will be looking for knowledge of the subject as well as entertainment.

Written Test – There will be a written test given to test your knowledge of the sport of bullriding and the NFPB.

Photogenic – Each contestant must submit a 5 x 7 photo of their choosing for this event. All photos will be returned before the close of the pageant. Photos must be turned in with the application by February 1, 2007.

Extemporaneous Question – The judges will pick questions that they would like to have answered. Each girl will select a question randomly out of a hat and will be given 2 minutes to answer it. The judges will be looking for quickness, common sense and knowledge and understanding of the question.

Personal Interview – This event is to let the judges meet you and talk with you on a one-on-one basis. They will have 10 minutes to ask you questions. These questions may be about anything. Be prepared, this is an important event.

Miss Congeniality – All the contestants will nominate a girl whom they believe is Miss Congeniality.

Coronation

The winner will be announced at the Finals Banquet on Sunday, April 1, 2007. All contestants must be present. If a contestant fails to attend the coronation she forfeits all titles and awards that she may have won. All awards and presentations will be given at this time.

Pageant Rules

1. All contestants must stay in their designated rooms.
2. Under **no** circumstances is someone of the opposite sex allowed in the hotel rooms.
3. Absolutely no public display of affection or fraternizing of any kind is tolerated.
4. All contestants must meet in the hotel lobby at the designated times.
5. All contestants must travel in provided transportation unless previously approved by director.
6. All contestants must behave in a proper and fitting manner.
7. All contestants must be in their hotel rooms no later than 12:00 midnight unless previously approved by director or chaperone.
8. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
9. No profanity allowed.
10. There shall be no other body piercing except in the ears and only two are allowed per ear.

****If at any time during Miss NFPB's reign these rules are broken, she will forfeit her crown, sash and winnings and the 1st runner up will step into her place.**

****Refunds and cancellations – A full refund will be given to a contestant that needs to withdraw from the competition if it is before the deadline. If it is after, the entry fee is non-refundable.**

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Past Titleholders

2007 – *Synda Lockard*
2006 – *Gretchen Anderson*
2005 – *Mandee Neal*
2004 – *Julia Bixler*
2003 – *Christy Porter*
2002 – *Kelsea Walker*
2001 – *Melissa Millward*
2000 – *Katie Bohon*
1999 – *Toni Erwin*
1998 – *Michelle Ramaeker*
1997/96 – *Amanda Mark*