

2025-2026
Miss Indian Junior Rodeo
Association Queen's Packet



Thank you for submitting your application (through the Google Form Link below) and your interest in being the next ambassador for IJRA! This takes a lot of courage and dedication. I'm glad to give you this packet with great hopes for the future and I want to wish you the best of luck. Congratulations!

Application Link:

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Miss Indian Junior Rodeo Association

Queen Zerbilynn Mitchell

Hello IJRA Queen Contestant and Families,

Thank you for your interest in IJRA Queen. This year has been a wonderful opportunity for me, and I would like to share some of my beliefs. Over this past year as Miss IJRA, I enjoyed the opportunity to represent the association as Queen, and I believe it is important to be professional anywhere I go, representing myself and the rodeo association. I enjoyed being with all the rodeo contestants this year, having a good time, and having fun with the rodeo association Board of Directors. My passion is to compete in bull riding and one day go to the INFR and PBR as a woman. I would also love one day to become a stock contractor offering a quality line of bulls and goats. (I would like to have at least 8 or 13 bulls or goats. The reason why I would pick those numbers is because those are my favorite numbers.) I would love to help others who are barely starting, learn how to bull ride, and grow into the bigger world of bull riding. My favorite rodeo events to watch and do are bull riding, barrel racing, and goat tying.

To the next Miss Indian Junior Rodeo Association, I am so excited for you and the journey ahead. This title holds incredible responsibility and immense joy. You will have the opportunity to represent not just the rodeo, but the values and heritage that make us proud to be part of this community. I know you will wear the crown with pride and inspire others as you take on this role.

As I pass on the crown, I'm excited to see what the future holds for the next Miss IJRA. I know she will bring her own unique spirit and passion to this role, and I do not doubt that she will carry on the values and traditions of this amazing organization with grace and pride. The future is bright, and I look forward to watching her shine. Thank you all for making this journey unforgettable. I will forever carry these memories, the lessons learned, and the spirit of rodeo with me wherever life takes me next.

In this packet, you will find the scoring criteria and the IJRA Rulebook. The pageant will begin on Friday, October 24th, with a brief meeting and overview at 1:00 pm at McGee Park's outdoor arena, followed by the Horsemanship competition (Item #4). Then, contestants will have interviews with the judges (Item #3) and prepare for the Back Number Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Contestants will be requested to participate in the ceremony and interact with the audience at the social event following the ceremony. The contestants will be judged by how they interact and their personality portion (Item #2) on the attached sheet. This year, we are doing something a bit different and offering the opportunity for a 1st and 2nd Attendant. This will allow any contestant the chance to stay on for the year to learn more about the queen's position and grow into a future role. We encourage all to participate, observe, and ask questions so that we can continue the wonderful legacy of the IJRA Rodeo Queen for future generations.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Zerbilynn Mitchell
2024-2025 Miss Indian Junior Rodeo Association Queen

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Queen Contest Judging Categories

1. Poise & Appearance (30 pts)

- a. Appropriate western attire (10pts)
- b. Neatness and general appearance (10pts)
- c. Riding competition (10pts)

2. Personality: (60 pts)

- a. Positive and pleasant attitude (20pts)
- b. Good common sense and logic (20 pts)
- c. Conversational ability (20 pts)

3. Knowledge: (30 pts)

- a. IJRA Organization (10 pts)
- b. Rodeo (10 pts)
- c. Horse/Tack (5 pts)
- d. General Knowledge of Native American Culture (5 pts)

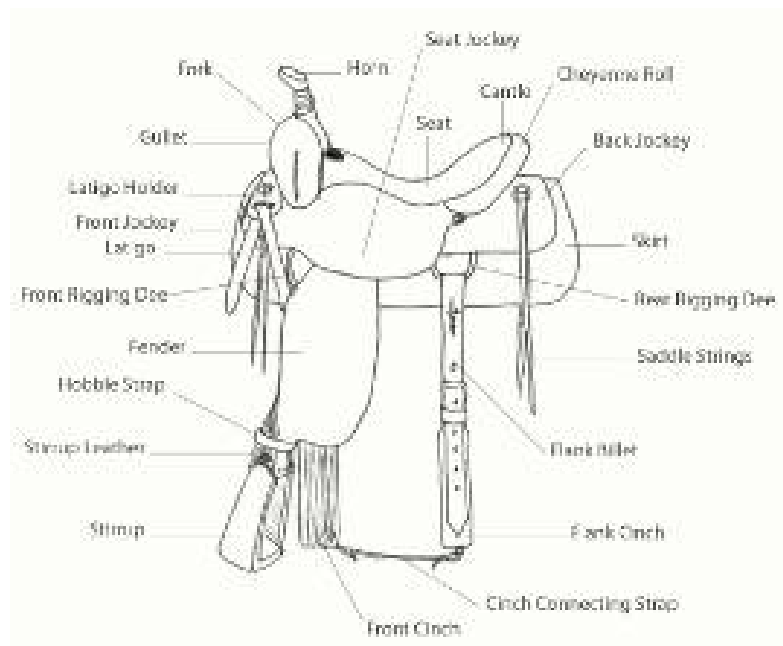
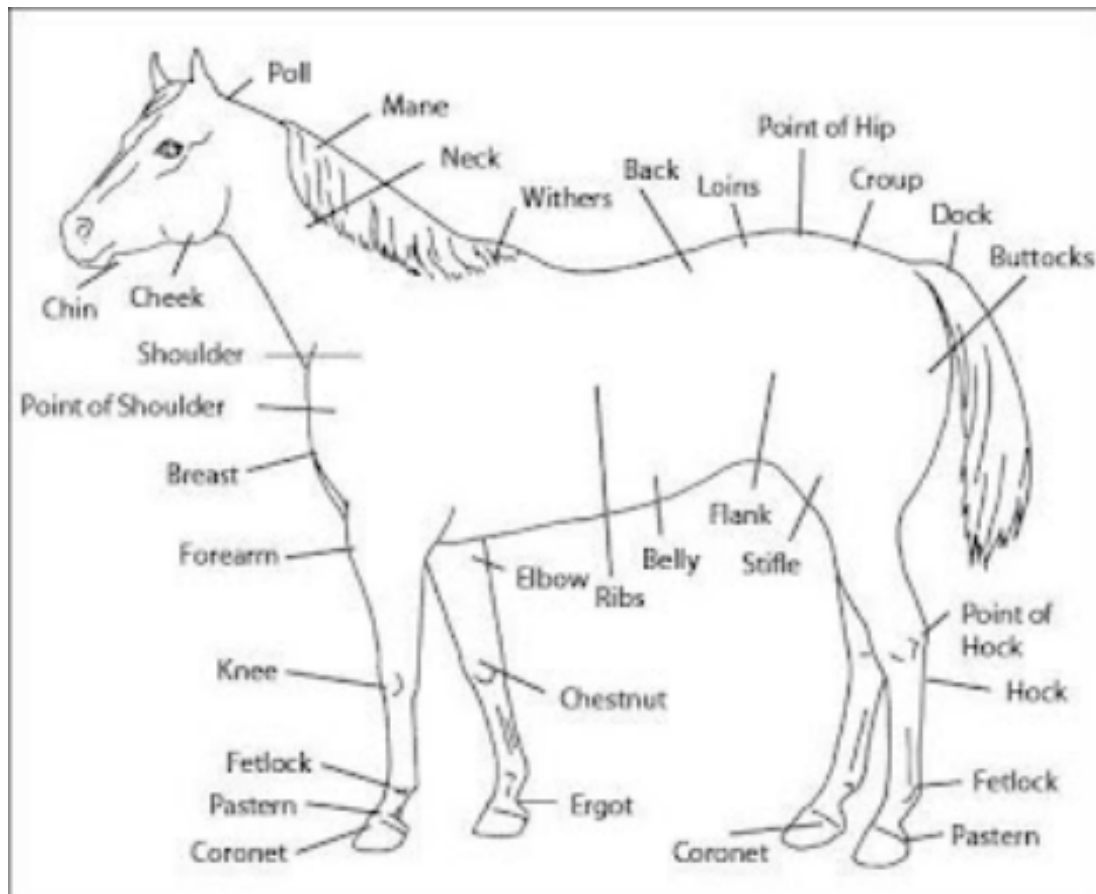
4. Horsemanship (100 pts)

- a. General riding skills (20 pts)
- b. Control of mount/safety (30 pts)
- c. Execution of pattern (20 pts)
- d. Presentation Queen and flag run (10 pts)
- e. Horse presentation (10 pts)
- f. Tack presentation (10 pts)

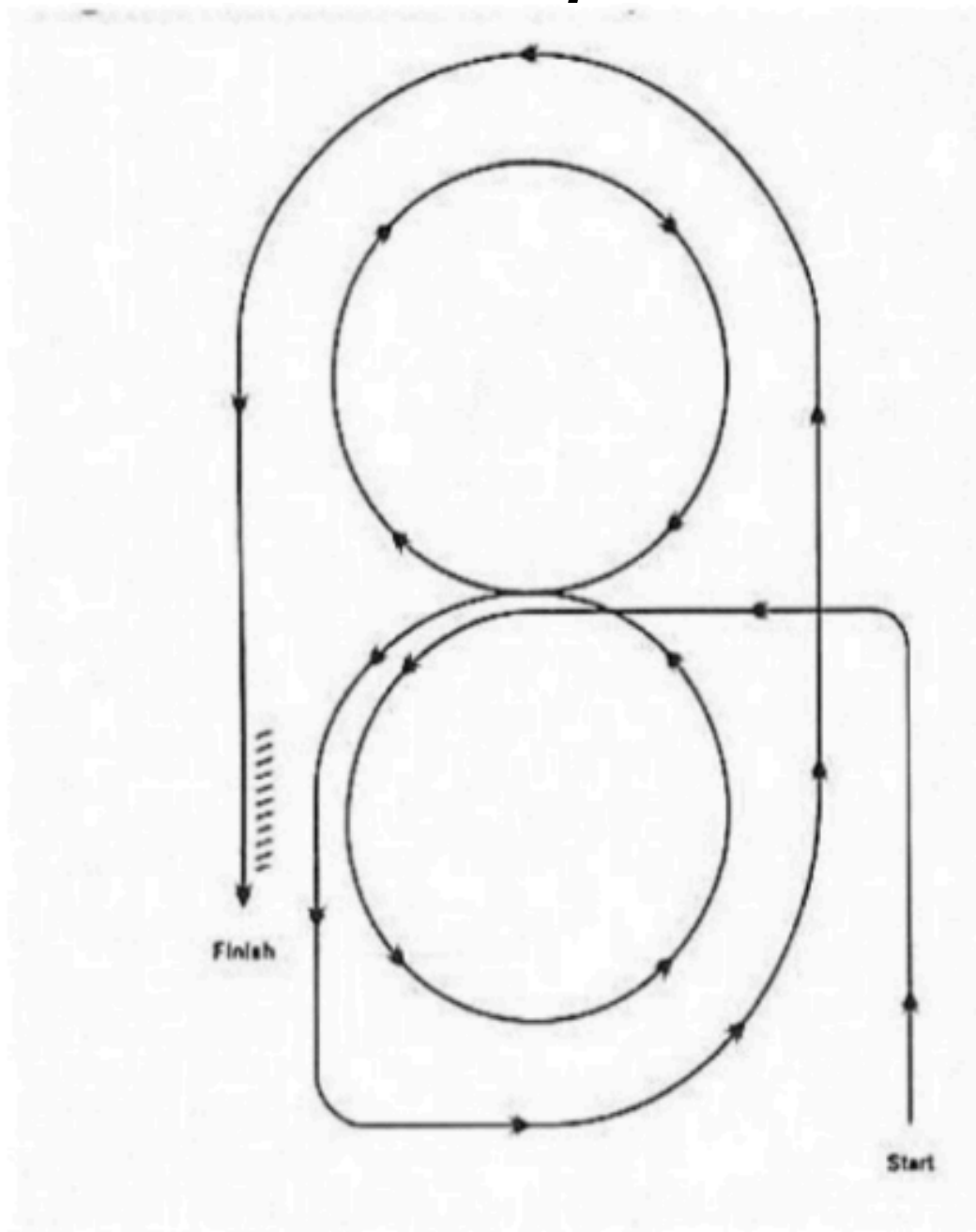
Total points = 220 pts

- Points will be awarded to contestants in the above categories through identified/knowledgeable judges.
- Judging will be on horseback/horsemanship, personal interview, and impromptu questions as well as through observation throughout the rodeo.

Parts of the Horse and Saddle



Horsemanship Pattern



1. Extended jog along the side of arena, then the center
2. Begin lope at center of arena and lope left circle on left lead
3. Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead
4. Change leads and continue loping around end of arena
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena
6. Stop and back

Association Knowledge

*Attached to this email is the updated IJRA Rulebook.
If you cannot open it, please let me know*

Additional Information

Must provide your own horse

*The Queen Pageant will be on October 24 at 9:00 am
at McGee Park, Farmington, NM*

- All participants will be given participant prizes
- First and second attendants will also be acknowledged with a sash.

*The New Miss IJRA Queen will be crowned on
October 26, 2025*

- Participants will still be judged throughout the first day of the IJRA Finals Rodeo for helpfulness, interaction during rodeo, with the committee, contestants, and horsemanship skills.
- After all points are totaled and
- Must be present to receive title

Awards

**The 2025-2026 Miss IJRA will be given a sash,
crown AND saddle the day of the coronation;
buckle to follow with name, no later than
banquet.**