



### **What is the ABC Rodeo & Lubbock Downtown Chapter of Ambucs?**

For over 69 years the members of the Lubbock Downtown Chapter of the American Business Clubs have supported and improved the lives in our community by working to produce some of the greatest western sporting events in the country.

#### ***Description***

The Lubbock Downtown Chapter of the American Business Clubs is made up of highly energetic and hard working business men and women, each of whom has a unique desire to help improve the quality of life in Lubbock. From setting up stock panels to selling programs to blowing up balloons, EVERYONE contributes in some way to the success of Lubbock!

#### ***Mission***

Nationally, the AMBUCS mission is to "create independent lifestyles for people with disabilities." We are proud to support this effort with donations to a living endowment fund which provides scholarships for therapy students in the Lubbock area. Locally, our mission is to support the **Lubbock Boys & Girls Club** and other local charities. We have in fact built the three existing clubs and provided operational funding for over 60 years to this fine organization for our children. Over the years, we have donated in excess of \$1,000,000.00 to Lubbock charities and support groups with funds generated by the **ABC Pro Rodeo**.

#### ***More Information***

The ABC Pro Rodeo is a PRCA sanctioned event. For more information about the rodeo and PRCA visit [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com) or [www.abcrodeo.com](http://www.abcrodeo.com).

**The 70th Annual ABC Pro Rodeo will begin Thursday, March 29, 2012.**

**Leslie Cox is the Rodeo Chairman for the 70th Annual ABC Pro Rodeo.**

\*Please submit completed applications, short answer questions, photo, application fee, and proof of age to:

Lubbock Downtown Chapter of Ambucs

Attn: Ashley Dunn

[ash.n.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:ash.n.dunn@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 64213

Lubbock, Texas 79424

***Role Model***

Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen is a public figure of the ABC Rodeo. As a queen, the Rodeo Committee and members expect the queen to act with respect to the title, event, and organization. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo is a representative of the ABC Rodeo, Lubbock Downtown Chapter of Ambucs, and the region.

***Horsemanship***

Miss ABC Pro Rodeo will be riding in the Grand Entry of the ABC Pro Rodeo. Therefore, horsemanship is a required attribute of the Queen. Miss ABC Pro Rodeo will be required to transport her own horse to contests, public events, and promotions. The Queen will be riding a stock contractor's horse in the grand entry.

***Attendance***

The Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Contest provides a scholarship to the winning contestant. Attendance to promotional events is required. These events include, but are not limited to:

- Rodeo Kick-Off at the Lubbock Boys & Girls Club
- School Days/ Kids Rodeo
- Muttin' Bustin'
- Photo Shoot
- Check Presentations
- Rodeo Performances
  - Thursday, March 29, 2012
  - Friday, March 30, 2012
  - Saturday Matinee, March 31, 2012
  - Saturday Evening, March 31, 2012
- Crowning of Queen & Princess
- Rodeo Committee Meetings leading up to the 2012 Rodeo
- Lunches

**\*Failure to attend an event without permission may result in  
forfeiture of Crown & Awards.**

***Age***

Contestants must be between the ages of 17 and 24. (**Age 18 is required at Crowning.**)

***Application Requirements***

- Contestants must submit a completed application to the Chair of the Queen's Contest by November 1, 2011.
- The short answer questions, photo, fee, and proof of age are due with the application.
- The top 10 applicants will be voted on by the Rodeo Committee and invited to participate in the Miss ABC Rodeo Queen's Horsemanship portion of the Contest.
- The horsemanship portion of the contest will be held prior to the determination of the Queen's Court consisting of 3 members.

***Issues & Concerns***

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of drugs, use of tobacco products, or public use of obscene language while representing the ABC Rodeo and affiliates is prohibited.
- Failure to comply with attendance and duties as Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen will result in the forfeiture of title, scholarship funds, and awards.
- All contestants must be single and never been married nor given birth. If a winner marries during her reign or becomes pregnant, she will forfeit her title and awards.
- Behavior deemed as unfitting of Miss ABC Rodeo Queen will result in disciplinary action by the Rodeo Committee. Applicants may not have criminal charges against them or be convicted of a felony or other serious criminal activities.
- If the Rodeo Committee votes to de-throne the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen, the runner-up of the contest will be notified and awarded the position.
- The runner-up should be aware that during the event that the winner of the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Contest is unable to fulfill her duties, the runner-up will be expected to take her place.
- Issues that arise may be addressed to Ashley Dunn (806) 441-0477.

***Scholarship***

- The winning contestant must submit the proper financial aid documentation and be in good standing with the university/college to receive the scholarship in 2 installments.
- The 1st installment of \$750 will be given 60 days after winning the crown, if all duties are fulfilled. The 2nd installment of \$750 will be sent after the completion of the 2012 ABC Rodeo, no later than January 1, 2013.

***Other Scholarship Concerns***

- The second installment of the scholarship will not be released until all duties are fulfilled including the return of the official Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen Chaps and Crown.
- The scholarship funds will be sent to the designated college financial aid office.

***Awards for the Queen's Court***

- The 1st and 2nd runner-up (Queen's Court) will receive ABC Pro Rodeo Buckles and Sashes for their success and participation in the Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Contest.
- The Queen's Court will also be able to ride in the Grand Entry for their achievements.

***Fundraising Requirements***

- The Queen's Court (comprised of the top 3 applicants) will be required to obtain a minimum of \$500 in Rodeo Advertising, Ticket Sales, and/or Raffle Ticket Sales for the 2012 ABC Pro Rodeo.

***Dress Code***

- Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen must be aware of and conform to all PRCA dress codes while in the arena ( long sleeve western shirt, Wrangler Jeans, and western hat).
- The Queen is required to dress in western attire while representing the ABC Rodeo Club in any capacity.
- During the horsemanship portion of the contest, the contestant should conform to PRCA dress codes.
  - Prohibited attire during the horsemanship contest includes: dresses, skirts, jackets, vests, full leather/suede outfits, and ultra suede shirts/blouses.

***Photographs***

- Pictures taken of the applicants by ABC Pro Rodeo photographers during the contest or for the rodeo program become the property of the ABC Pro Rodeo and can be used for publicity.
- Copies may be made available to applicants.

***Important Contest Dates***

- November 1, 2011: Deadline for applications
- November 12, 2011: Horsemanship Contest will be held.
- January 28, 2011: Final Contest includes Private Interview, Public Speaking, Modeling, and On-Stage Question.
- The date of the Crowning of the 2012 Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen is to be determined.
- Final Decisions for the Top 10 Applicants, Queen's Court, and Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen will be promptly made after the dates to allow for adequate time for scheduling.

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*The Contest (7 Sections, 2 Parts)*

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- **Horsemanship (30%):** The horsemanship portion of the contest and application are used to determine the Queen's Court. Horsemanship includes 3 sections: Queen's Ride (5%), Freestyle Ride (5%), & Set Horsemanship Pattern (20%).
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- **Private Interview (30%):** The panel of judges will conduct a private interview with each contestant. Questions may be asked pertaining to their application, rodeo, or current events.
  - **Public Speaking (20%):** Contestants will deliver a 2-minute speech.
  - **On-Stage Question (10%):** The unique question will be asked after the 2 minute speech.
  - **Modeling (10%):** Contestants will need to write a brief autobiographical commentary for the judges. This will be read as the contestant models.
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\*Failure to complete the fundraising requirements will result in a 10% penalization.

*During the Contest*

**Sportsmanship:** Unsportsmanlike behavior from contestants, parents/guardians, or anyone directly related to the contestant during and after the competition is cause for dismissal and relinquishment of all awards at the discretion of the Rodeo Committee.

**Judging:** At no time before, during, or after any part of the competition will a parent or family member be allowed to approach a judge. A contestant may approach the judges after the competition with questions concerning areas of improvement only.

*Horsemanship Phase of Contest*

The horsemanship phase of the competition provides insight into the contestant's preparatory and performance skills. This phase also acknowledges the rider's ability to control her mount. Contestants may change mounts for any phase of the competition, but change is not required. Contestants must be ready when called, even if change in mounts occurs. If contestant fails to be ready, then she will not be allowed to compete. Bridles and saddles are required at all times.

**Set Horsemanship Pattern (20%):** Consideration is given as to whether the contestant completes the pattern correctly.

**Freestyle Ride (5%):** Consideration is given as to whether the contestant's freestyle selection fits the skills and her personality. The time limit is 2 minutes to demonstrate individual riding ability and creativity. Costumes and music are not allowed, but props with a crew may be used.

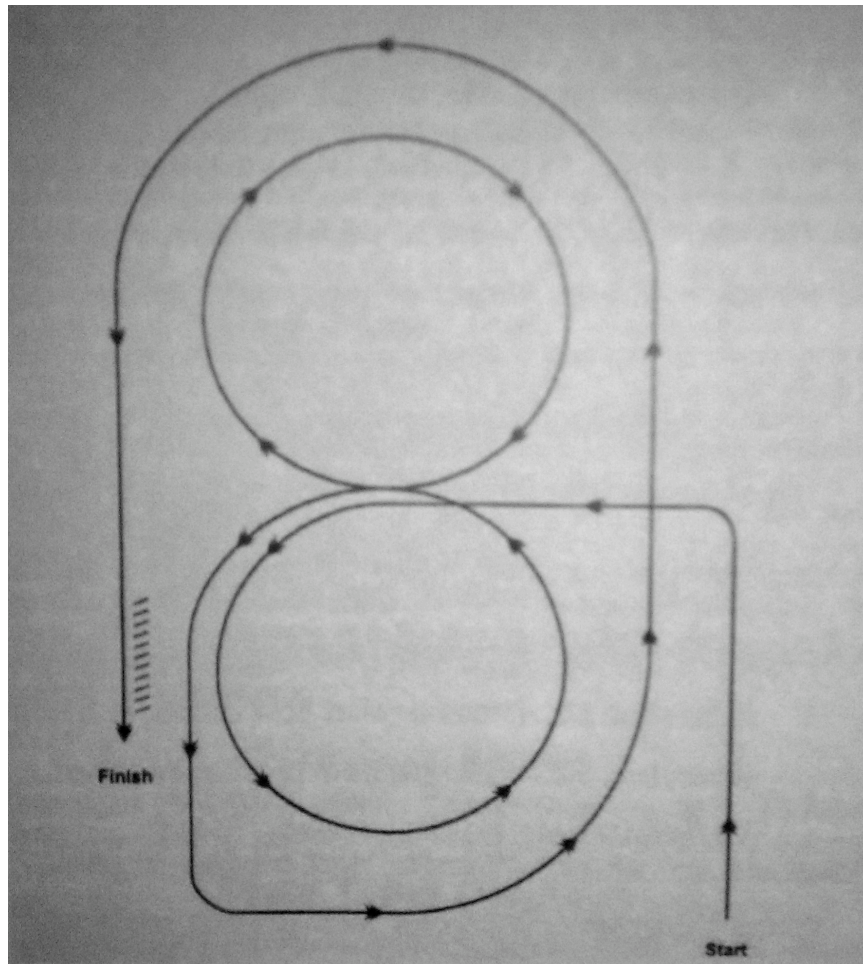
**Queen's Ride (5%):** Consideration is given to the contestant's ability to *connect* with the audience.

\*Judges may ask you to dismount, mount, and unbridle your horse. Horsemanship questions may be asked.

***Riding Pattern***

1. Trot along the right side of the arena to the center, turn left at center.
2. Begin lope and lope left circle on left lead.
3. Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead.
4. After completing the figure 8, change leads and continue loping around to the end of the arena.
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around the arena.
6. Come to a slide stop.
7. After your horse has settled down, back up about 10 to 15 feet.
8. Walk your horse over to the judges, dismount, remove your bridle and bit, answer the judges questions, replace the bridle and bit, and remount.
9. Once you have remounted, walk your horse out of the arena.

\*The Set Horsemanship Pattern has the highest weighted percentage within this phase, so become familiar with the requirements.



**Rules & Regulations Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen Contest**

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| Last          | First             | Middle   |
| Address       | City              | State    |
| Phone         | Emergency Contact |          |
| Date of Birth | Age               | Verified |

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand what is required of me if I am awarded the title of Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen. I will do my best to fulfill my role as Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen. I understand that I am not guaranteed to win the contest. I also understand that if I do not complete the requirements after winning the contest that my title and awards may be removed.

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| Signed | Date |
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As the guardian/parent of \_\_\_\_\_, I permit her to compete in the contest for Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen. I also understand the required commitment of the guardian/parent and am willing to commit to these requirements. *(Guardian/parent required permit if contestant is 17 years of age.)*

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| Print Name | Relationship to Contestant |
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| Signed | Date |
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- Submit short answer questions, photo, application, and proof of age by the deadline.
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee is required of all Miss ABC Pro Rodeo Queen applicants.
- Deadline is **November 1, 2011.**

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| <b>School Name:</b>   |  |
| <b>Extracurricular Activities:</b>                          |  |
| <b>Rodeo &amp; Equestrian Activities:</b>                   |  |
| <b>Club Memberships:</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Why do you want to be the 2012 Miss ABC Rodeo Queen?</b> |  |