

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

MISS TEEN RODEO ILLINOIS 2012



Congratulations! You have been chosen as the Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois 2012. The pride and honor of wearing this crown brings with it a tremendous amount of responsibility. **Be sure and read the contract carefully; when you sign your contract, you will be accepting the challenge of not only representing PRCA and the sport of rodeo, but also the great state of Illinois and the Miss Rodeo Illinois Association.** You will touch the lives of thousands of people across the United States and you will find yourself becoming a role model to hundreds of younger children. Wear your crown proudly!

REMEMBER: By signing the contract, you will be accepting the position of Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois. Your direct supervisor will be the Miss Rodeo America National Director from Illinois (Director) who may assign a Teen Coordinator to work with MTRI. You will be expected to follow the Director's / Coordinator's instructions and advice. Please think of this position as a job.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISS TEEN RODEO ILLINOIS-2012

Your reign begins January 1, 2012 and ends December 31, 2012. You are to always represent yourself as Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois 2012.

If you currently have a title from another pageant, following January 1, 2012 you cannot go to the pageant or any functions and represent yourself in any other manner than MTRI 2012.

Because Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois' conduct is a reflection upon the community, rodeos and pageant she represents, the Association strongly urges you to follow these guidelines when encountering various situations as outlined in this guide. It is of utmost importance to send thank you notes on a timely basis and to return phone calls promptly.

CONDUCT

From the time you win the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois 2012 until you relinquish the crown at the end of your reign, you will be in the spotlight. It is imperative that you conduct yourself accordingly, whether it is on a personal level or as Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois. This includes any social media you may have. You will recognize members of the Board of Directors as "friends" beginning with your selection through January 31, 2012, should you have any social media pages.

You cannot take any prestige or attention away from Miss Rodeo Illinois. She is the main focus of the Miss Rodeo Illinois Pageant.

Throughout your reign you will be expected to portray the highest moral standards, show the true ideals of young womanhood, and set an example above reproach.

You will be expected to conduct yourself as an example to the public, which includes no smoking, drinking, chewing, foul language, or inappropriate social behavior.

You should never be seen at a bar, lounge or social event where alcohol is served unless under the direct supervision of Miss Rodeo Illinois Association, whether it be as MTRI or personally.

You must not marry, have had a marriage annulled, or been pregnant, nor shall you during the year of your reign.

You shall not maintain any form of cohabitation with another person during your reign.

You will be expected to emulate the Miss Rodeo Illinois' Mission Statement:

“The Miss Rodeo Illinois Association works to select an Ambassador of Good Will who will promote a positive image of professional rodeo and the western way of life, keeping education leadership and personal growth in the forefront and doing so with the highest level of integrity.”

MISS RODEO ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

Now that you are the next Miss Rodeo Illinois, you will be “working” for and with the Miss Rodeo Illinois Association. They are your “Employer” and your main support group. They are comprised of former Miss Rodeo Illinois, professional women and men, people experienced in horsemanship and rodeo people who are available to assist you throughout your year in preparation for your competition at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. With their help you will have a very fun, rewarding year that you will treasure forever.

The Miss Rodeo Illinois Association Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and MRI National Director will have jurisdiction over Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois.

You are solely responsible for your personal property and physical well-being; and shall neither ask for, expect nor receive compensation for reimbursement from the Miss Illinois Rodeo Association or its members.

You shall carry your own health insurance. If you are injured at any function where you are acting as MRI, immediately notify the National Director/Coordinator within 24 hours of the incident.

APPEARANCES

Prior to the official start of your reign (January 1, 2012) you will not be making appearances.

DO NOT TAKE FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH YOU TO APPEARANCES UNLESS INVITED BY THE HOST AND APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR. You will be kept very busy with appearances and will not have time to spend with friends or family members.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO TRAVEL WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN A FAMILY MEMBER OR MRIA MEMBER.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO TRAVEL WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND. We strongly suggest that from the time you win your title until you pass the crown on, your boyfriend should keep a low profile.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO APPEAR AT A BAR, NIGHTCLUB, OR EVENT WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED UNLESS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE MISS RODEO ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION representative or member.

Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois shall work with the MRI National Director/Coordinator to organize her schedule and shall not commit to any appearances prior to the Director's/Coordinator's concurrence.

The Association is not responsible for providing any type of transportation to any appearances.

Publicity photographs and autograph sheets must be pre-approved by the MRI National Director/Coordinator.

RECEPTION

You may schedule a reception in your town to recognize the title. This function is not a coronation. Miss Rodeo Illinois 2012 may chose to include you receiving you crown during her Coronation celebration.

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

Keep in mind; sponsorship money is to be used for MTRI approved travel, appearance costs, clothing, training, etc. It is recommended that you support Wrangler, Bailey and Justin when attending PRCA rodeos and events, as they are sponsors for Miss Rodeo America as well as PRCA. Sponsors should not be expected to pay for unrelated clothing, travel, etc.

You should start planning sponsor categories and making contacts for sponsors as soon as possible. Be sure to inform them the sponsorship is for Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois 2012. The Miss Rodeo Illinois Association is not responsible for finding any sponsors or fundraising. The Association will assist you, when possible.

Thank you notes must be sent to every sponsor on a timely basis. Sponsors are not limited to those donation monies. Groups or individuals providing services and assistance should also be issued thank you notes.

WEBSITE PAGE

You will be able to have a Miss Teen Rodeo Illinois webpage on www.MissRodeoIllinois.com to showcase you and your sponsors. The page will be planned by you, the National Director/ Coordinator and webmaster.