



PONY EXPRESS RIDERS OF IOWA

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QUEEN CONTEST RULES

Royalty contestants are required to wear long sleeved plain white shirts, blue or Black jeans, western hat, western boots.

Pony Express membership is required for all Royalty contestants, however the Memberships may be purchased at the show, Junior members, 17 & under for \$.50, Active or Family memberships for \$5. Winners will be expected to perform certain duties while representing the Van Buren County Pony Express, such as selling Horse Raffle tickets at the fair, helping at local fundraisers, or participating in local parades or other projects, before participating at the Fair. Queens are eligible to run for consecutive years, and there is no limit on term of rein, except concerning age. The Junior contestant will be age 10-15 years of age. Senior contestants will be age 16-26. Ages as of January 1st, or as the State Fair rules specify. Princess class contestants, age 9 & under, are not eligible for State Fair participation.

Van Buren County Pony Express Riders will sponsor the Junior & Senior Queens at Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest. They will be provided with Crowns & Sashes and entry into the State Fair. The Princess will be awarded with Crown & Sash. (Other Prizes Pending for Jr., Sr., & Princess classes)

JUDGING CRITERIA:

60% HORSEMANSHIP: Riders to be judged on seat, hands, and ability to maneuver horse through given pattern.

20% APPOINTMENTS: clothing and tack should be well fitted and clean to create A complete, suitable overall appearance.

20% KNOWLEDGE: Contestants individually will be asked to answer a question pertaining to care and/or maintenance of horse & equipment; past, current or present involvement with Pony Express. Questions to be agreed upon by all 3 judges prior to contest. Following individual work, contestants will be asked to work on the rail at a walk, trot, and lope. All at the discretion of the show judge. Judging will be done by 3 judges in 3 different parts of the arena.

QUEEN RUN: Contestant will circle the arena saluting to crowd at a lope or faster. This will be done after the rail work is completed.
