

2025 Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association Queen Tryouts Information and Procedures

Thank you for your interest in being the 2025 Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association (COPWRA) Queen! **Tryouts will be held Friday July 19^h at 5pm at the Crook County Fair Grounds, in the outdoor arena.**

The COPWRA Queen represents the Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association and its members throughout Oregon, appearing in parades, rodeos, luncheons, and/or other public and promotional activities.

There can be up to 3 on the 2025 Court

- Little miss COPWRA contestants between the ages 6-10.
- COPWRA Queen contestants will be between the ages of 11 -14.

Contestant Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant(s) must not exceed the *age of 14 as of January 1st* of 2025. Contestant(s) must be a current, paid member in good standing with the COPWRA for the 2024 rodeo season and purchase a 2024 membership.
2. Contest is open to all female participants/members of the COPWRA.
3. The Queen coordinator will have discretion on the horse that will be used at any function representing COPWRA.

Safety is the most important goal. If a horse is injured or deemed unsafe, the Queen coordinator will approve the horse replacement. Please use the horse you intend to use for your try out.

4. Applicant shall not be married, never have been married, not pregnant, nor have children.
5. Applicant(s) must be willing to abide by the Queen rules, including responsibility of her horse and transportation, and be available to participate in activities throughout the year. If the Queen does not represent the COPWRA in a manner deemed acceptable as to fulfilling her duties and/or the Queen is unable to fulfill her term, the COPWRA Board and Queen Coordinator will decide if that position shall be filled for the remainder of the term or will remain vacant.
6. Transportation to the parades will be provided by the parents of the Queens. Outfit, gear, etc. shall be supplied by the Queen's parents, but any attire **MUST** be approved by the Queen Coordinator prior to appearance.

7. COPWRA will provide a buckle and sash. There is an option to purchase your own crown, or to use the COPWRA owned crown, for the year.
8. **Queens will represent the COPWRA by riding or attending, (only 2 Required) in Central Oregon parades/autograph signings/Grand Entries:**
 1. High Desert Stampede March or April- will provide dates once available
 2. Spray Rodeo May (Memorial Day weekend) will provide dates once available
 3. Sisters Rodeo June (2nd weekend in June) Parade
 4. Crooked River Roundup June (last week in June) Parade, Grand Entry
 5. City of Redmond July 4th Parade
9. Queens must coordinate any interest in advance, (more time the better, to allow research and apply entries on interested functions) with the Queen Coordinator on any events and appearances listed outside appearances listed in Line 8.
10. Past Little Miss COPWRA Queens are eligible to try out for COPWRA Queen, as long as they are in good standing and have current memberships with COPWRA.
11. Time commitment starts when Queen is crowned during the October 2024 Awards Banquet to the following Awards Banquet in October 2025.

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Queen Tryouts consist of the following:

All contestants will go through a simple queen contest. The contestants will be judged on appearance, Horsemanship, photogenics, personality, and ability to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Two categories will be a big focus in the completion:

1. **Personal Interview/Impromptu Questions:** You will be asked a variety of personality, rodeo knowledge, COPWRA knowledge and current event questions. Your parents, or support team, are welcome to arrive with you; however, they will be asked to remain outside or in another building or grandstands during the personal interview process. You will be judged on presentation of your answers, appearance, and knowledge of rodeo and current events. Presentation can be defined as the ability to handle all competition situations with poise and maturity, preparedness for events, self-control and confidence while speaking in public or interacting with others and exhibiting grace and class while being flexible in and out of the public eye.
 2. **Horsemanship:** The purpose of this category is to select the young lady who rates the highest in Horsemanship– including control of the horse and the way the contestant handles each situation that may occur. Riders will be judged on balance-the ability to sit in a saddle and position of hands, feet, and seat. You will perform a riding pattern announced at tryouts. Ages 11-14 will perform pattern #1. Ages 10 and under will perform pattern #2. Your parents, or support team, can help you prepare for horsemanship; once you are on your horse, they must go into the grandstands to watch the competition and are not allowed to talk to you until the horsemanship portion is completed.
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Tentative Tryout Schedule

Tryouts begin at 5:00 PM, Friday. Open to the public, except for personal interviews. Please invite your family and friends to attend

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PUBLIC/CLOSED</u>
Friday 7/19/24	5:00 PM	Orientation	Public
Friday 7/19 /24	5:30 PM	Horsemanship	Public
Friday 7/19 /24	after Horsemanship	Personal Interview	Closed
Saturday 7/20/24	9:00am	Grand Entry COWPRA	Public
Sunday 7/21/24	9:00am	Grand Entry- Crowning	Public

Judging Guidelines

You must be prepared to show your best on tryout day. Judges will not take into consideration past experience or knowledge of any contestants. You will be judged solely on your performance **that day**. Judges' objective will be to find a young woman who can ride well, speak to the public, and represent herself and the COPWRA in a dignified and honorable manner.

Wardrobe/Attire for tryouts:

1. **Personal Interview/Impromptu Questions:** Western attire (dress or western shirt and jeans) appropriate for an interview or appearing at a luncheon or group presentation. Options might be vests or jackets, skirts, slacks (neatly pressed garments are always more professional).
2. **Horsemanship:** Western jeans, western long sleeve shirt, felt hat and boots (neatly pressed garments are always more professional).

Judges will be looking for these attributes in court contestants:

1. **Personal Interviews**
 - Pleasant, friendly, relaxed, poised, sincere, and confident
 - Able to converse
 - Self confidence
2. **Appearance**
 - Poise and posture
 - Clean, well-fitting Western attire
 - Clean, well-shaped Cowboy hat
3. **Horse**
 - Clean, properly fitting tack
 - Responsive to contestant
 - Clean, neat appearance
4. **Pattern**
 - Seat, posture, control and hand placement
 - Control, both slow and fast
 - Completeness and correctness of pattern

2025 Schedule of Parades and Rodeos (tentative)

As the Queen you are required to attend **ALL COPWRA** rodeos and grand entries, Queens will attend 2 other events in Central Oregon, but can attend more if desired. Below is a schedule by month that the Queen in the past has followed. As you can see, it takes a lot of commitment and financial support is very important. It is your responsibility to get yourself and your horse to every function. **All** travel is at the expense of the Queen. Queen is to let the COPWRA know of her schedule **PRIOR** to start of rodeo season. Queen to provide pictures as needed of appearances for use in COPWRA marketing.

April:

- COPWRA rodeo
- High Desert Stampede
- Miss Rodeo Oregon Queen Clinic

May:

- COPWRA rodeo
- Spray Rodeo parade (Spray, OR)

June:

- COPWRA rodeo
- Sisters Rodeo parade (Sisters, OR)
- Crooked River Roundup parade (Prineville, OR)

July:

- COPWRA rodeo
- City of Redmond parade (Redmond, OR)

October Tentative:

- COPWRA Awards banquet

Characteristics of a COPWRA Queen Contestant:

- promote the western lifestyle
- be a horse enthusiast
- promote good sportsmanship
- have high moral and ethical standards
- be knowledgeable about rodeo events and rules
- be an animal welfare advocate
- possess the ability to converse about rodeo
- be friendly and personable
- have a sincere interest in rodeo and the promotion of our sport
- be interested in advancing her future career in rodeo in high school or college

If you are chosen to represent the COPWRA as Queen, you will be required to:

1. Have at least one (1) parent to help you at parades and rodeos
2. Wear approved wardrobe
3. Be prepared at all events with tack, clothing and a positive attitude
4. Be available for appearances and events throughout your reign

If you are chosen to represent the COPWRA as Queen, you may be doing the following:

1. Perform at all COPWRA grand entries

2. Riding in parades or Participating in COPWRA floats.
3. Distributing COPWRA information as requested by the Board of Advisors or Queen Coordinator
4. Work/help at COPWRA rodeos when not competing as needed

2025 Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association Queen Application

*Name of Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

*Name of Mother: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

*Name of Father: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

*Name of Horse: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

Description: _____

(Please include a signed copy of agreement if horse is leased)

*Do you own your own pickup/trailer: _____ Yes _____ No *If not, who will provide transportation: _____

*Education (highest year completed): _____ School Name: _____

*Scholastic honors and other accomplishments: _____

*Horsemanship skills, experience or training that may be helpful in fulfilling this position, especially participation in parades, rodeos, horse shows, etc.: _____

*Who should we notify in case of an accident, illness or emergency?

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

2025 Queen/Parental Code of Conduct

1. **Public Image:** Throughout your court service, you will be acting on behalf of the COPWRA and all COPWRA members and participants. It is important that your conduct and actions, as well as those of your parent(s)/guardian(s), are maintained appropriately, in good faith, and in the best interest of the COPWRA. You will not only be asked to make public appearances, but you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) must be able to interact with other members of the association and their parent(s)/guardian(s) in a manner that is appropriate, non-confrontational, and in a manner that serves the best interest of the COPWRA. The COPWRA Board of Directors and Queen Coordinator reserves the right to discontinue your service on the court should the COPWRA, in the COPWRA's sole discretion, determine that you and/or your parent's/guardian's behavior is not in the best interest of the COPWRA. The COPWRA Executive Board and Queen Coordinator reserve the right to withdraw a title under various conditions including, but not limited to, if titleholder engages in behavior that brings into question her honesty, maturity or moral character.

2. **COPWRA Equipment:** You will be entrusted by the COPWRA with certain COPWRA equipment, which may include, but is not limited to: flags, chaps, serapes, vehicle magnets, spurs and other similar property. You are solely responsible to maintain, care for, protect, secure and return all such personal property immediately upon the request of the COPWRA or otherwise, upon your disassociation as Queen. The COPWRA has the right to hold you responsible for any damage, misuse, failure to return, loss, destruction, or theft of any of the COPWRA property in your possession. In addition, the COPWRA may purchase, on your behalf, certain property including, but not limited to, hats, shirts, jeans, vests, and similar items which may be of custom fit to you, and therefore, of no other use to the COPWRA. Therefore, you expressly understand and agree that you are solely responsible to timely pay the COPWRA or any third-party vendor for such specialty items, as determined by the COPWRA.

3. **Remedies:** As a member and representative of the COPWRA court, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) warrant, represent, and agree that, should the COPWRA, in its sole discretion, find you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) in violation of: (a) the COPWRA'S Code of Conduct; (b) the COPWRA Rulebook; or any disclosure forms provided to you upon tryouts, the COPWRA reserves the right to ask you to: (1) immediately step down as the Queen and cease any and all activities on behalf of the COPWRA; (2) seek any direct and indirect damages related to equipment or other personal property, or your failure to report and turn over COPWRA donations, plus interest at the legal rate, until paid; or (3) seek all legal and equitable relief, including an injunction, to refrain you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) from disparaging the public image of the COPWRA; (4) damages in the amount of \$50 per day for any retention of COPWRA property after termination of your association from COPWRA and issuance of a ten (10) day letter of demand by COPWRA and/or (5) the COPWRA's attorneys fees and costs related to the enforcement of such matters.

4. **Assumption of Risk:** By signing below, you understand and agree that there are certain inherent risks associated with activities related to the COPWRA. These risks include, but are not limited to, the handling, riding, and proximity to rodeo animals, as well as other certain inherent risks that are associated with rodeos. You understand and agree to participate in these activities at your own risk and to hold the COPWRA harmless from any and all actions related to these risks, as well as other damages associated with your voluntary membership as the COPWRA Queen.

5. **Consideration:** As consideration for the COPWRA accepting you as the Queen and to act on behalf of the COPWRA, you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to sign this Code of Conduct Disclaimer. By signing below, you all understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the COPWRA Code of Conduct and the COPWRA Rulebook, you agree that you are voluntarily signing this disclaimer and have had ample opportunity to review, ask questions, and seek counsel, prior to signing this disclaimer. To the extent that you are a minor, by signing below, your parent(s)/guardian(s) consent, on your behalf, to the COPWRA Code of Conduct.

6. **Photo Release:** Parents to give permission to use approved photographs by the COPWRA Queen coordinator, for representation of COPWRA.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Mother: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____

Date: _____

Social Networking Policy

The following is the Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association (COPWRA) Social networking policy. The absence of, or lack of explicit reference to a specific internet and/or web site does not limit the extent of the application of this policy. Where no policy or guideline exists, titleholders should use their professional judgment and take the most prudent action possible. Consult with Queen Coordinator if you are uncertain.

1. Personal blogs should have clear disclaimers that the views expressed by the author in the blog is the author's alone and do not represent the views of the COPWRA. Be clear and write in first person. Make your writing clear that you are speaking for yourself and not on behalf of the COPWRA or your title.
2. Information published on your blog(s) should comply with the COPWRA's confidentiality and disclosure of proprietary data policies. This also applies to comments posted on other blogs, forums, and social networking sites.
3. Be respectful to the COPWRA, yourself, other title holders, your sponsors, COPWRA sponsors, and possible pageant competitors.
4. Social media activities should not interfere with titleholder responsibilities or pageant rules and regulations.
5. Your online presence reflects the COPWRA and your title as the COPWRA Queen. Be aware that your actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect that of the COPWRA and your title as well.
6. Do not reference or site sponsors, other title holders, or rodeos without their express consent.
7. Respect copyright laws, and reference or site sources appropriately. Plagiarism applies online as well.
8. COPWRA logos and trademarks may not be used without written consent.
9. Ultimately you should be mature, be ethical, and think before you type or post.
10. The COPWRA Executive Board reserves the right to determine if posts are acceptable and within moral standards set forth in the Code of Conduct.

Violation of this policy can result in disciplinary action, up to and including the removal of the title and crown. The Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association Executive Board reserves the right to decide such disciplinary action at any time during your reign.

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Mother: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____

Date: _____

My signature affirms that all information on this application is understood by me and my parent(s) and is true to the best of my/our knowledge. I have read, understand, and will abide by the Eligibility Requirements, Code of Conduct, and Social Networking Policy and understand that violation of any rule may results in suspension and/or dismissal as Queen. I agree to be available for the entire COPWRA season.

I release the COPWRA Executive Board, Queen Coordinator, COPWRA members and/or their agents from any from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action of any sort, or of any injury sustained to my person or my horse, or any damage or loss to my property resulting from my participation in any event, rodeo performance, activity, or parade for the entire term of my reign as Queen. I enter this pageant at my own risk and am subject to pageant rules, both written and verbal.

Contestant Signature: _____	Date: _____
Signature of Mother: _____	Date: _____
Signature of Father: _____	Date: _____

Please include with your application:

- A statement of WHY you want to be the 2024 COPWRA Queen (50 words or less please)
- Signed COPWRA Queen application
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Signed Social Networking Policy
- 5x7 headshot photo

Your application for membership as the COPWRA Queen is voluntary and we appreciate the time you that you intend to volunteer on behalf of the COPWRA. You were previously provided with information regarding the responsibilities of court members and a copy of this Code of Conduct with your COPWRA court tryout packet. By signing below, you understand and agree as follows:

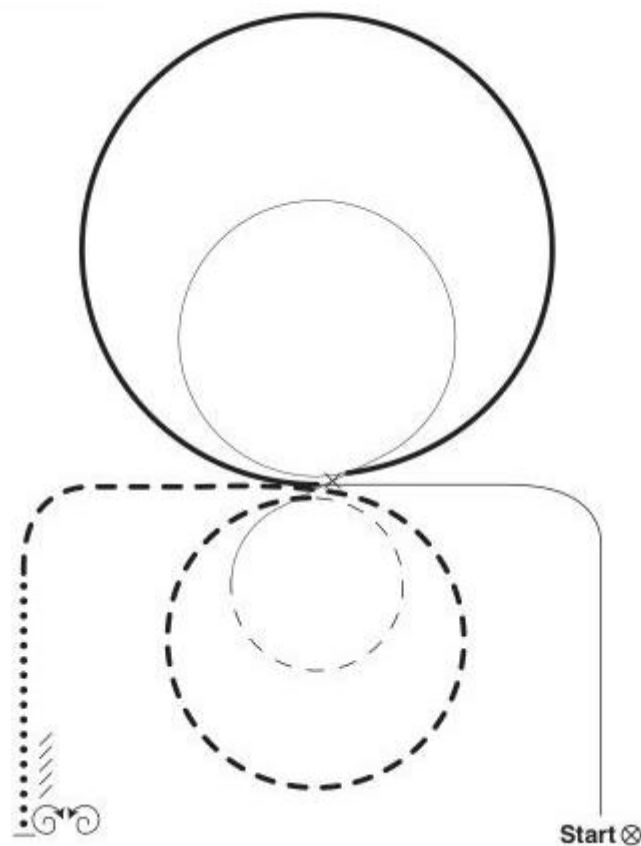
Please read all the rules and regulations carefully. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Queen Coordinator, Jill Jennings at 541-620-0612 or COPWRAQueenInfo@gmail.com. Please return your completed application to the Queen Coordinator via email, mail or in person. We look forward to getting your application!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 7/01/24. Applications sent via mail **MUST** be postmarked by this date. Please mail applications to:

Central Oregon Pee Wee Rodeo Association
Queen Coordinator-Jill Jennings
291 NE Frank Lane
Redmond OR 97756

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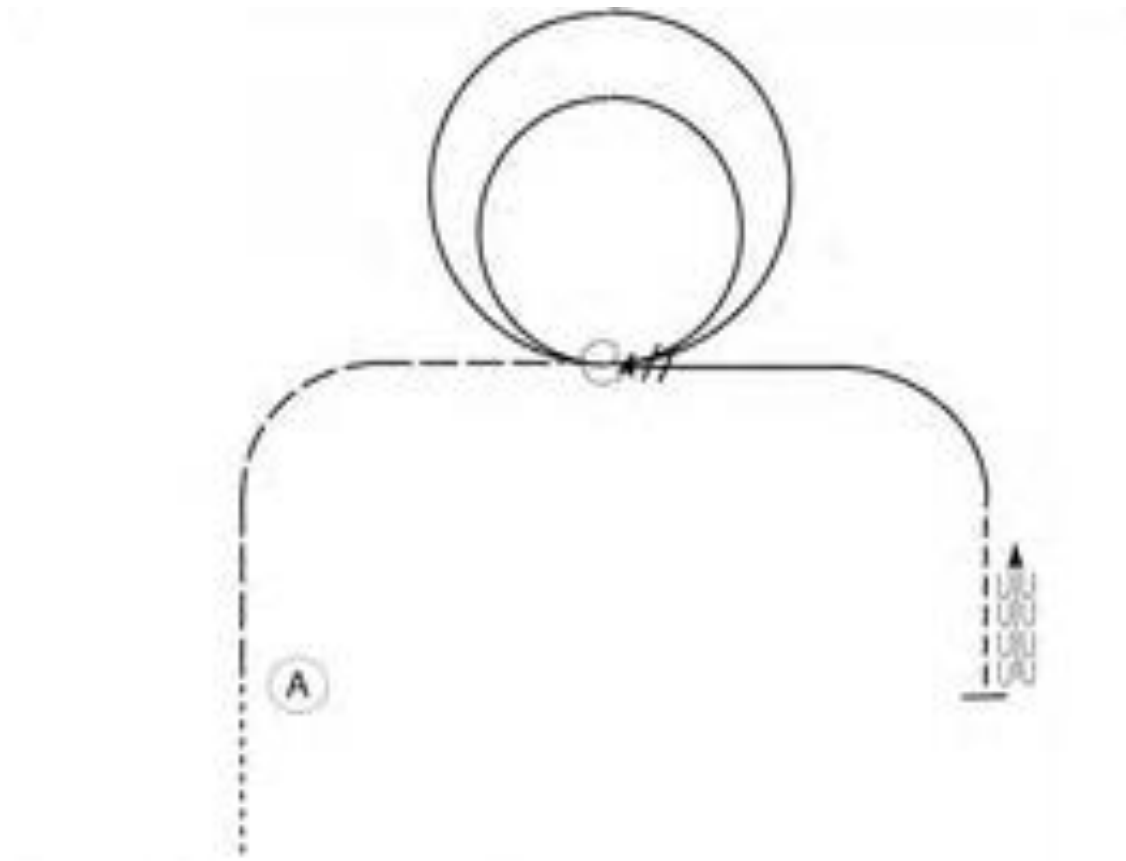
Queen Tryouts Pattern #1 ages 11-14



1. On foot, walk your horse to the starting cone
2. Mount your horse
3. Trot to center and around corner
4. Lope a large circle to the left with speed
5. Lope a smaller, cadenced circle
6. Change leads (may be simple or interrupted lead change)
7. Lope a large circle to the right with speed
8. Lope a smaller, cadenced circle
9. Transition to a trot without losing forward motion
10. Trot through the top of the arc and around the corner
11. Transition to a walk without losing forward motion
12. Stop at cone
13. 360° haunch turn (either way)
14. Back at least 5 steps
15. Exit at a walk

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Queen Tryouts Tryouts Pattern #2 ages 6-10



1. On foot, walk your horse to A (cone)
2. Mount your horse
3. Trot to center and around corner
4. Lope a large circle to the left with speed
5. Lope a smaller, cadenced circle
6. Change leads (may be simple or interrupted lead change)
7. Lope on the right lead through the top of the arc and around the corner
8. Transition to a trot without losing forward motion
9. Trot until even with A
10. Stop
11. Back at least 5 steps
12. Exit at a walk