

Amherst LBW Rodeo Queen Rules

1. Any Cowgirl who is eligible and in good standing with the Little Britches of Wisconsin (LBW) shall be eligible to run as Queen of the Amherst LBW.
2. Any Cowgirl interested in participating as a LBW of Amherst Rodeo Queen contestant will contact Jenny Blenker to get the application. (contact information on LBW website) Rules and application will be sent to potential contestant, once the application is received back and accepted, tickets and sash will be given to contestant (when available). Tickets will be turned into Jenny on Friday evening of the Amherst LBW Rodeo at Queen Banquet.
3. When you are a Queen Contestant, and if crowned Queen, you are representing Amherst Little Britches Rodeo. We ask that you behave appropriately and respectfully.
4. All Queen Contestants are required to sell Amherst LBW raffle tickets (399 tickets or more) to qualify for saddle and scholarship awards. (see prizes below) When selling tickets, please dress in rodeo attire. This includes a long sleeve button down shirt, jeans, boots, and a cowboy hat. Please also wear your contestant sash if provided one. Spontaneous ticket sales are permitted without rodeo attire. Tickets sales help promote the rodeo with increased spectators which generate revenue for the rodeo.
5. The year you are a Queen contestant you must attend at least one other LBW rodeo as a contestant before the Amherst LBW rodeo, participate in the Amherst LBW, and one rodeo after the Amherst LBW if you are crowned Queen. You must participate in at least one event at each rodeo. At each LBW rodeo Queen contestants will announced for a flyby at grand entry.
6. If crowned Queen and LBW eligible the following rodeo season, you must attend & participate in the Amherst LBW rodeo and one other LBW rodeo before Amherst's rodeo. You must enter in at least one event at each rodeo.
7. As Queen, we ask that you represent Amherst LBW by wearing your sash & crown at all rodeos, and at all times, except when participating in your event. As a contestant, we ask that you wear your contestant sash at all times at all rodeos, except when participating in events.
8. You will be judged in 3 categories and must participate in all 3 to be eligible to be crowned Queen: poise and personality, horsemanship, and speech. Contestants order of presentation for speech and poise and personality event will be drawn randomly the night of the banquet. The order will be reversed for order of horsemanship event.
9. Because participants are under 18 years old, communication concerning ticket sales and other Queen activities will also include the parents or guardian of the contestant.
10. The horse used in horsemanship must also be used in at least one of your Amherst LBW events.

11. If a contestant or Queen violates any LBW rules that has there back tag pulled at any LBW event, consumes alcohol, uses tobacco, or is acting disorderly or in a fashion that does not represent the value of LBW or Amherst rodeo, she will immediately become ineligible to run for Queen or her title as Amherst LBW Queen will be revoked. In this unfortunate event, the Queen must return her crown, buckle, sash, and saddle to the Queen Committee and will lose all her scholarship money.
12. We encourage you to support the Amherst LBW Rodeo at equine events. For example, if you plan on attending Midwest Horse Fair as a spectator, wear rodeo attire along with your crown, sash, and buckle. You won't be the only rodeo queen walking the grounds in "full dress", we promise! It's a great opportunity to support Rodeo in general because people will stop to talk to you and want to know more about what you do. Also, little kids (& maybe some big kids) will look up to you.
13. Most of all have fun, act respectfully, and carry on the rodeo spirit.

Prizes:

1. Scholarships
 - a. \$1,000.00 Queen
 - b. \$500.00 1st runner up
 - c. \$250.00 2nd runner up
2. Queen: Saddle, Crown and Belt buckle.
3. 1st runner up: tack item*
4. 2nd runner up: tack item*

*Prizes are subject to change and are based on availability of sponsors.

Minimum of 399 tickets (133 books) sold by contestant to be eligible to receive scholarship and saddle.

If there is a tie, ticket sales will be 1st tie breaker. The contestant who sold the most tickets will be the winner. If there is a 2nd tie the contestant who scored the highest in horsemanship is considered the winner

Contestants will be judged on Horsemanship, Poise and Personality and Speech points.
Breakdown as follows:

40% Horsemanship

Contestant will be asked to do a Queen salute, a Pattern (barrels, poles or horsemanship pattern), and to demonstrate knowledge of the saddle and/or horse. Examples of patterns will be provided for contestant to practice.

40% Poise and Personality

Contestant will be asked questions about themselves and/or rodeo knowledge and judged on how the answer is given and correctness of answer. Contestants will have one on one time with judges.

20% Speech

Contestant will be asked to give a 5-10 minute speech about themselves/horse and their rodeo career and why they want to be Rodeo Queen. They could also include where they plan to attend school and what they would be pursuing as a career. The contestant will be judged on presentation (rodeo attire), length and appropriateness of speech and speech mechanics such as eye contact, volume and minimal reference to cards for memory. You will have to use a microphone and be on stage.

Judges will be provided by the Rodeo Queen Committee of Amherst. All judges are non-biased respectful volunteers who do not know the contestants a head of time. All contestants are judged fairly based on their performance.

Any contestant participating in the Amherst LBW Rodeo Queen contest will need to be available for Queen activities at the Amherst LBW Rodeo (the 3rd weekend in August). Tentative schedule as follows:

Queen contestant dinner on Friday evening (immediate family invited any additional guest will be charged for meal at discretion of committee)

Poise and Personality judged on Friday evening at dinner

Speech given Friday evening at dinner

Horsemanship on Friday evening after dinner in Times Event Arena (there are lights)

Queen will be announced on Saturday morning immediately following grand entry

The crowned Queen will also be asked to present mutton busters with ribbons, collect spectator money to benefit local food pantry for celebrity bull riding event and help with award presentation after rodeo on Saturday evening.

A list of sponsors will be provided for all contestants to write thank you notes.

Amherst LBW Rodeo Queen Mission Statement

“To provide an opportunity for young women of high moral and ethical character to promote Amherst Little Britches Rodeo, promote leadership with community involvement, and most importantly promote the sport and spirit of rodeo.”

How to become a LBW member to participate in the rodeo as well as queen contestant please visit the Little Britches of Wisconsin website

<http://www.lbwrodeo.com/>

Any challenge to these rules will be brought to the Rodeo Queen Committee for review.

Any grievances or concerns that may come up throughout the contest should be directed to John Cowden; johncowden@wi-net.com or Jenny Blenker; blenkerj@wi-net.com