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## **Category: Questions**

### **Sample Questions**

It would be impossible to develop an all encompassing list of questions you may be asked during a pageant. It is possible to compile a list of questions you are likely to be asked. The following files can be used by contestants to study for pageants, coordinators to prepare impromptu questions and judges to prepare interview questions.

I do not provide the answers for these questions for two reasons. First, if you make the effort to find the answers you are more likely to retain the information and it says you are dedicated to learning. Secondly, this is a free service.

The questions found in the printable file below should be tailored to the association that sanctions the rodeo which is hosting the rodeo ambassador pageant you are competing in. For contestants competing in pageants which are qualifiers for the Miss Rodeo America pageant they should concentrate their study efforts on the PRCA and WPRA while those working towards Miss Rodeo USA should spend their time on the IPRA. Miss Rodeo Canada contestants should be studying the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association. Contestants competing for State High School Rodeo Queen titles should know their district (if applicable), state and national officers and event directors as well as rules specific to High School Rodeo. Contestants competing for a title tied to a NIRA rodeo should be very familiar with where members of their college rodeo teams are sitting in the standings and all things NIRA. They should also have an awareness of the club officers, college personnel (University President, Dean of their College, Provost, Student Body President, etc.). If the title you are competing for is sanctioned by a state or regional association you should focus your questions to that specific group.

PRCA - Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association  
IPRA - International Professional Rodeo Association  
NHSRA - National High School Rodeo Association  
NJHSRA - National Junior High Rodeo Association  
NLBRA - National Little Britches Rodeo Association  
NIRA - National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association  
CPRA - Canadian Professional Rodeo Association

MRA – Miss Rodeo America  
MRUSA – Miss Rodeo USA  
MRC – Miss Rodeo Canada

### **General Association Information**

1. Where are the national headquarters for the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA located?
2. Who are the officers, directors and prominent leaders of the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA?
3. What is the name of the official publication for the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA? How often is it published? What is a subscription price?
4. Name the previous year's World/National Champions for each event. For the PRCA/IPRA know the amount of money each champion earned to earn their title.
5. Approximately how many rodeos are sanctioned each year by the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA?
6. Name a PRCA/IPRA stock contractor from your state and where they are located.
7. Name a PRCA/IPRA specialty act from your state and where they are located.
8. Name a PRCA/IPRA announcer from your state and where they are located.
9. Name a PRCA/IPRA secretary from your state and where they are located.
10. Name a person from your state who has competed at the WNFR/IFR, their event and the year(s) they competed.
11. At the time of the pageant, name the standings leaders in each event.

### **Questions About Your Rodeo**

1. What are the performance times of the rodeo?
2. What time does each performance begin?
3. How much do tickets to the event cost and where can they be purchased?
4. Are there any pre-rodeo or after rodeo activities to take part in?
5. Who is providing the stock for your rodeo?
6. Who is the announcer?
7. Describe the specialty acts that may be at the rodeo.
8. Give directions to the arena location.
9. Who is the president of your rodeo committee?
10. Name other members of the rodeo committee and their duties.
11. What is the website address of the rodeo?
12. Will there be any notable contestants competing? If so, who and what are their notable achievements?
13. What association is sanctioning your rodeo?
14. What is the history of the rodeo?
15. How many years has the rodeo been held? Has it won any awards?

### **General Rodeo**

1. How is the all-around title determined?
2. What is day money?
3. What is ground money?
4. What is the average?
5. What is the draw?
6. What is added money? Where does this money come from?

7. Define "jackpot".
8. Who is the reigning Miss Rodeo \_\_\_\_\_ and where is she from? (Home state of Miss Rodeo America/USA, etc.)

### **PRCA Specific Questions**

1. In what year did the PRCA adopt the word "Professional" to their name?
2. Prior to this name change, name the two previous names the association was known by.
3. Describe the beginning history of the PRCA.
4. What are the designations for the 2012 Wrangler Million Dollar Tour?
5. How many (and their locations) Gold Tour Rodeos will be held and how many Silver Tour Rodeos will be held in the Tour?
6. What criteria are the designations of Gold and Silver based on?
7. How many places will be paid out for the bonus money on the Million Dollar Tour?
8. What is the pay scale for the bonus money? (Meaning how much will first, second, third, etc. earn.)
9. Who is eligible to earn bonus money on the Tour and how does a contestant become ineligible for the bonus money?
10. Is the bonus money added to a contestant's overall winnings when calculating WNFR qualifications?
11. Who qualifies for the Justin Boots Playoffs and Championships?
12. How many contestants will qualify for the Justin Boots Playoff rodeo?
13. Where and when will the Justin Boots Playoff rodeo be held?
14. Who qualifies for the Justin Boots Championships?
15. Where will the Justin Boots Championships rodeo be held and when?
16. In what year was the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund (JCCF) created?
17. What is the purpose of the JCCF?
18. Who is eligible to receive assistance from the JCCF?
19. Since its founding, how much financial assistance has the JCCF provided to contestants in need?
20. Approximately how many contestants have benefited from assistance from the JCCF?
21. Name some fundraising events which help support the JCCF.
22. Name some of the members of the JCCF Board of Directors.
23. In what year did the PRCA begin the Xtreme Bulls Tour?
24. Where and when will the Xtreme Bulls Tour Finale be held?
25. Name the sponsors of the Xtreme Bulls Tour.
26. What will the combined purse be for the Xtreme Bulls Tour?
27. Describe the competition format of the Xtreme Bulls Tour.

### **Animal Welfare**

1. Describe the difference between Animal Welfare and Animal Rights
2. What do the acronyms PETA, ASPCA, ALF and HSUS stand for?
3. Who are the leaders of PETA, ASPCA, HSUS and ALF.
4. Where are the headquarters for PETA, ASPCA, HSUS and ALF located?

5. What organization works alongside rodeo to educate the general public about rodeo animals and animal welfare?
6. How many rules does the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA have in place to ensure the welfare of animals used in rodeo? (Be as familiar as you can with the specific rules and be able to discuss them without arguing.)
7. Name several celebrities who endorse/are spokespeople for PETA, ASPCA and HSUS.
8. Approximately how thick is a horse's hide and a bull's hide? How do they compare to the thickness of a human's skin?
9. Name the PRCA Animal Welfare Specialist and describe her job.
10. What powers an electric cattle prod?
11. Why do electric cattle prods only cause a mild shock with no injury to the animal?
12. Name the corporation that sponsors the PRCA Veterinarian of the Year award.
13. Name the past recipients and they year they were recognized as the PRCA Veterinarian of the Year.
14. According to the 2010 Animal Survey conducted by the PRCA what was the rate of injury to animals?
15. What are the goals of the PRCA Animal Welfare Program?

### **Roughstock Events**

1. Name the three roughstock events.
2. Which roughstock event is known as rodeo's "Classic Event" and why?
3. What is the purpose of the bell attached to the bull rope?
4. Describe a bull rope – length, material made from, etc.
5. Describe the spurs worn by bull riders.
6. Describe the spurring action in the bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding events.
7. How does a saddle used in the saddle bronc riding differ from a saddle used for general riding.
8. In bull riding, where is "the well"?
9. How long must a contestant stay on a bucking horse or bull in order to make a qualified ride?
10. What piece of equipment is used to enhance a horse's natural ability to buck?
11. Describe a flank strap – what is made of, how it works and its purpose.
12. Define the mark-out rule.
13. When does the time begin in the roughstock events?
14. Under what circumstances would a roughstock rider receive a re-ride?
15. In which event are locked rowels allowed?
16. How many total points are possible for a roughstock rider to earn in their event? How are those points awarded?
17. Describe a rigging.
18. What material can a contestant place on their glove in the bareback riding and bull riding?
19. Describe the hack rein and how a contestant uses it in their event.
20. Name how riders in each roughstock event can be disqualified.
21. Has a perfect score ever been recorded in a roughstock event? If so, name the event, the contestant, the rodeo, the date and the animal's name.
22. Name and describe the optional protective equipment a bull rider may wear.

23. What “skills” are necessary to be a successful bareback rider, saddle bronc rider and bull rider?
24. Name the optional piece of equipment a bareback rider may wear around his neck and what is its purpose.

### Timed Events (Cattle)

1. Barrier – What is it made of? How is it attached and triggered? What events is it used in? What does the phrase “Breaking the barrier.” Mean? Is there a penalty for breaking the barrier?
2. Scoreline – What is its purpose? How is it determined?
3. Pigging String – What is its purpose? What is it made of? How long is it?
4. Neck Rope – What is its purpose? What is it made of?
5. Jerkline – What is it made of? What is its purpose? Do all ropers use a jerkline?
6. Describe the different types of ropes used by ropers in different events – How long are they? What are they made of?
7. What is the purpose of using baby powder on a rope?
8. What is the hondo?
9. Why would a roper use a pulley?
10. What is a horn knot? What materials can it be made from?
11. Describe the differences between break-away roping and tie-down roping.
12. Describe the features of a roping saddle.
13. Describe the box.
14. According to the rules of the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA what is the weight range of calves used in the tie-down roping and/or break-away roping?
15. According to the rules of the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/LBRA what is the weight range for steers used in the team roping, steer wrestling, ribbon roping and/or single steer roping?
16. What type of knot is used to tie the calves’ legs together in calf roping?
17. Define “two wraps and a hooley”.
18. In the PRCA/IPRA/NHSRA/NLBRA how long must a calf stay tied in order for the roper to have a qualified run?
19. How does a contestant signify they are finished tying their calf?
20. Describe the legal and illegal catches in the tie-down roping, steer roping, single steer roping and team roping.
21. What African American cowboy is credited as being the inventor of “bull dogging”?
22. What constitutes a legal throw in steer wrestling?
23. What type of horse is generally used in rodeo timed events? Which breed is the predominant breed?
24. Define “jerk down” and the ramifications of a jerk down occurs.
25. Describe the job of the hazer.
26. Describe the job of a pusher.
27. Define “cross-fire” as it relates to team roping.
28. In tie-down and single steer roping the rope is tied \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

29. In team roping, the ropers must \_\_\_\_\_ their ropes around the \_\_\_\_\_.
30. At what point does the time begin in the timed events?
31. At what point does the time end in tie-down roping/break-away roping/steer wrestling/single steer roping?
32. Describe how a steer's horns are protected in the team roping and single steer roping events.
33. How does single-steer roping differ from tie-down roping and team roping.
34. What type of material often covers a team roper's saddle horn and why is this used?
35. Where are the PRCA National Finals Steer Roping held? Why is it not held with the NFR?
36. How does chute dogging differ from steer wrestling?
37. To what degree are times recorded in the timed events?
38. Name the association that sponsors the PRCA Timed Event Horse of the Year award.
39. What breed of horse is most commonly used in the timed events and why?
40. Name the timed events that can be offered by the PRCA at sanctioned rodeos.
41. Name the timed events that can be offered by the IPRA at sanctioned rodeos.
42. At PRCA rodeos, what association sanctions the barrel racing?
43. Name and describe the area called that the cowboy backs his horse into.
44. Name and describe the area where the calves or steers are placed right before they enter the arena.
45. Name the area the calves and steers are kept prior to the rodeo.
46. When does the timer start the time?
47. When does the time stop in each event?

### Cowboy and Cowgirl Trivia

1. Name the first cowboy to earn \$1-million/\$2-million/\$3-million in the PRCA, the event(s) his earnings were earned in and the year.
2. Name all of the cowboys to reach the above milestones, the event(s) they reached the milestone in and the year.
3. Name the only father/daughter/son trio to qualify for the NFR in the same year.
4. Name the youngest cowboy to earn a berth at the NFR, his event and the year he qualified.
5. Name the youngest cowgirl to earn a berth at the NFR and the year she qualified.
6. Are there any ProRodeo Hall of Fame members from your state? If so, name them, what category/accomplishments they were inducted for and the year their induction took place.
7. Name the father/son duo who has earned the Linderman award.
8. What cowboy is known as the "Super Looper"?
9. Name the youngest and oldest PRCA/IPRA World Champion, their age when they earned the championship and the event.
10. Name the cowboy who has earned the most PRCA/IPRA World Championships, the events and the years earned.
11. In what year did the PRCA begin recognizing Team Roping Headers and Team Roping Heelers as individuals for World Championships?
12. Name the cowboy(s) with the most consecutive world titles in each of the three rough stock events.

13. Name the cowboy(s) with the most world titles in each of the three rough stock events.
14. Name the three brothers who qualified in the same event in the same year including the year and the event.
15. Name the cowboy and horse featured on the statue outside of the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, CO.

### Slang

1. Cowboy Speeding Ticket
2. Catch as Catch Can
3. Dog Fall
4. Hoolihan
5. Panty-hosing
6. Pulling leather
7. Suitcase handle
8. Daylighting

### Describe the roles of the following rodeo personnel:

1. Stock Contractor
2. Judge
3. Pick-up Man
4. Barrel Man
5. Clown
6. Gate Man
7. Timer
8. Secretary
9. Sound Man
10. Announcer
11. Producer
12. Photographer
13. Chute Boss
14. Specialty Act
15. Barrel Setter
16. Veterinarian
17. Rodeo Ambassador
18. Committee Chair
19. Bullfighter
20. Arena Director
21. Event Director
22. Flag Girl

