



# Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest

## *Queen, Jr. Queen & Princess Contest*

(Sponsor: Lander Pioneer Days Parade & Rodeo)

## *& Little Prince & Princess Contest*

(Sponsor: Lander Valley Cattlewomen)

***Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:00 pm***

Lander Old Timers Rodeo Association (LOTRA)

Indoor Arena, Lander, WY

### **Contestant entry form & packets:**

Download at [LOTRA.org](http://LOTRA.org) -- Due May 21, 2026

Email to [LOTRARodeo@yahoo.com](mailto:LOTRARodeo@yahoo.com)

Pick up & drop off at the Lander Chamber of Commerce

Contact Maggie Appleby, 307-349-5666

## WHO ARE THE LANDER PIONEER DAYS ROYALTY?

*Each one is...*

1. A young lady who takes great pride in who she is and wants to keep the traditions of horsemanship and good character strong in her life and her community.
2. A young lady who loves horses and everything they represent and who wants to show the rest of the world what can be accomplished while surrounded by this environment.
3. A young lady who desires to act as an official representative of rodeo and her community, portraying good sportsmanship and **high moral and ethical character**, and genuine appreciation of the people around her and reflecting careful and humane treatment of animals. She should understand the sport of rodeo enough to be able to explain and "sell" rodeo to anyone with whom she may come in contact.
4. A young lady should be able to speak intelligently, with dignity and sincere interest in rodeo and her community. She should realize the Pioneer Days Rodeo Royalty Contest is not a beauty pageant; however, she should act, speak and dress according to the prestige the title deserves.
5. An ambitious lady who is interested in furthering her chosen career by gaining job experience, confidence in herself and her abilities, and being part of a long-time tradition within her community.

### **Contestant Requirements:**

1. All Pioneer Days **Queen** contestants **MUST** be between the ages of 18 – 23, as of 1/1/26.  
All Pioneer Days **Jr. Queen** contestants **MUST** be between the ages of 13 – 17, as of 1/1/26.  
All Pioneer Days **Princess** contestants **MUST** be between the ages of 7 – 12, as of 1/1/26.
2. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants **MUST** be a resident of Fremont County, Wyoming.
3. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants certify that she has never been married, pregnant or given birth to a child. Contestant has never been charged, convicted and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, criminal offense nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
4. Lander Pioneer Days contestants may not hold another rodeo queen title to run concurrent with that of the Lander Pioneer Days title, with the exception of Fremont County Fair & Rodeo Queen Court or Miss Rodeo Wyoming.

### **Contest Information:**

Contest is Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the LOTRA Indoor Arena in Lander, WY.

All Lander Pioneer Days contestants must be in complete western attire: shirt, jeans, cowboy hat, belt and boots throughout the entire royalty contest. Chaps are not allowed.

Contestants with the highest overall score will be crowned at the conclusion of the contest as the 2026 Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Jr. Queen and Princess. Prizes and gifts will be given to the contestants at that time.

The point system is as follows: 50% Horsemanship, 30% Interviews, and 20% Appearance. In the case of a tie, the Horsemanship scores will determine the winner.

- Horsemanship: Set Reining Pattern included in this packet, presentation run, and flag run. Contestant will be judged on execution of pattern, how well horse and rider respond to one another, and how contestant conducts herself while in the saddle.
- Interview: Q&A with the judges. Questions will be based off those provided in this packet also the information from your fact sheet, about your horse, Lander Pioneer Days celebration, and why you want to be the next Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Jr. Queen or Princess.
- Appearance: How you present yourself: physically- clean, age-appropriate attire; and emotionally- personality and ability to connect with others from the saddle and in person. How you present your horse: clean, healthy, and condition for age maintained.

All judges' decisions are final and will not be changed under any circumstances. The contestant with the highest combined score shall be determined the winner of the Queen, Jr. Queen & Princess contest.

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**2026 LANDER PIONEER DAYS ROYALTY CONTEST**

Applications will be accepted by e-mail (prior to contest) at [lotrarodeo@yahoo.com](mailto:lotrarodeo@yahoo.com), or dropped off at the Lander Chamber by May 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

**Name of Applicant:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As of 1/1/24) (Month) (Day), (Year)

I am competing for **Queen:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jr. Queen:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Princess:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Select only one) (Age 18-23) (Age 13-17) (Age 7-12)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing) (Street/PO) (City/State) (Zip)

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

For you to be considered for the royalty contest and your application complete, you must turn in your completed Entry Form, Release Form, and Fact Sheet.

I hereby state that all the information above is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED BY CONTESTANT

I do hereby give consent and approval of my daughter entering this Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest under the rules and conditions set forth. We (I) hereby release, waive liability and hold harmless all members of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest, Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee, Lander Pioneer Days Parade Committee, Lander Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lander Old Timers Rodeo Association in route to and from, during and after the contest, the Lander Pioneer Days celebration or any events attended for the purpose of Lander Pioneer Days.

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SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE FORM PAGE 1

# 2026 LANDER PIONEER DAYS ROYALTY AUTHORIZATION, RELEASE, AND STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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- C. All Pioneer Days **Princess** contestants **MUST** be between the ages of 7 – 12, as of 1/1/26.
- D. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants **MUST** be a resident of Fremont County, Wyoming.
- E. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants certify that she has never been married, pregnant or given birth to a child. Contestant has never been charged, convicted and/or determined to have committed any crime of moral turpitude, criminal offense nor has she had a title removed for any reason.
- F. Lander Pioneer Days contestants may not hold another rodeo queen title to run concurrent with that of the Lander Pioneer Days title, with the exception of Fremont County Fair & Rodeo Queen Court or Miss Rodeo Wyoming.
- G. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants may not be a former Miss Rodeo Wyoming. If you were the Lander Pioneer Days Princess 2025 you can't run for Princess again until the following year after your title is over as long as you meet the age and other contestant requirements. You can run for a different age division, Jr. Queen or Queen, if you meet the age and other contestant requirements.

### Contest Rules & Regulations:

1. Once a Lander Pioneer Days contestant has begun the competition, she **MUST** participate in all areas of the contest. Exceptions will be made due to a family emergency, serious personal injury to contestant, or after a consultation with the queen contest committee. Entry fee will **NOT** be refunded.
2. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants will be introduced by name throughout the entire contest.
3. All Lander Pioneer Days contestants must be in complete western attire: shirt, jeans, cowboy hat, belt and boots throughout the entire royalty contest. Chaps are not allowed.
4. Contestants with the highest overall score will be crowned at the conclusion of the contest as the 2026 Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Jr. Queen and Princess. Prizes and gifts will be given to the contestants at that time.
5. The point system is as follows: 50% Horsemanship, 30% Interviews, and 20% Appearance. In the case of a tie, the Horsemanship scores will determine the winner.
6. If only one contestant competes in their division then that contestant must win 50% of the points to win the title.
7. All judges' decisions are final and will not be changed under any circumstances. The contestant with the highest combined score shall be determined the winner of the Queen, Jr. Queen & Princess contest.
8. Each contestant will treat their peers, family members, horses and fellow man with the utmost respect and compassion.
9. Good sportsmanship will be shown before, during and after the contest.
10. Contestants, nor their families may approach the judge(s), at any time throughout the contest unless the judge initiates the communication.
11. Queen contestant's family members must not be the Contest Coordinator within one year of competition for a potential contestant. All Lander Pioneer Days contestant entries must be approved and accepted by the Contest Coordinator.
12. Contestant agrees to waive all liability of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest, Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee, Lander Pioneer Days Parade Committee, Lander Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lander Old Timers' Rodeo Association in route to and from, during and after the contest, the Lander Pioneer Days celebration or any events attended for the purpose of Lander Pioneer Days.
13. If the above rules are not strictly adhered to, any contestant may be disqualified at any time throughout the contest. All prizes and gifts will be forfeited.

## **RELEASE FORM PAGE 2**

### **Royalty Commitment:**

If you are crowned the next Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Jr. Queen or Princess you agree to continue to follow the contest rules and regulations as well as abide by the below royalty commitments and conduct.

### **Royalty Duties / Responsibilities / Appearances**

- A. Upon coronation of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest, you will immediately assume all duties and responsibilities of above said title and conduct yourself as such.
- B. You will make every effort to attend all of the appearances deemed necessary and required of Lander Pioneer Days. They are as follows:
  - Queen:** Ride horse in the Pioneer Days Rodeo Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>; attend activities in the park after the parade, ride and help in both performances of the Pioneer Days Rodeo July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; participate in the Fremont County Fair & Rodeo Parade; and attend the upcoming Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Princess & Jr. Queen Contest. Also make two additional appearances as Lander Pioneer Days in Fremont County. These are of your choice and can be community events, rodeos, other pageants, parades, etc.
  - Jr. Queen:** Ride horse in the Pioneer Days Rodeo Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>; attend activities in the park after the parade, ride and help in both performances of the Pioneer Days Rodeo July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; participate in the Fremont County Fair & Rodeo Parade; and attend the upcoming Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Princess & Jr. Queen Contest. Also make two additional appearances as Lander Pioneer Days in Fremont County. These are of your choice and can be community events, rodeos, other pageants, parades, etc.
  - Princess:** Ride horse or float in the Pioneer Days Rodeo Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>; attend activities in the park after the parade, be present and help with both performances of the Pioneer Days Rodeo July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>; attend the Fremont County Fair & Rodeo Parade if riding; and attend the upcoming Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Princess & Jr. Queen Contest. Also make two additional appearances as Lander Pioneer Days in Fremont County. These are of your choice and can be community events, rodeos, other pageants, parades, etc.
- C. You must keep your schedule of appearances maintained and available to the contest coordinator.
- D. You are responsible for your own western attire, as well as any traveling awards or prizes. If a traveling award/prize becomes lost, stolen, or damaged while in your care, you are responsible for replacing that prize/award at your own personal expense. The queen contest committee reserves the right to final approval of the replacement of above said award/prize.
- E. You are also responsible for writing your own thank you notes to all donors and special people. A list will be provided to you by the contest coordinator. These are VERY important and must be sent in a timely manner.

### **Conduct / Disqualifications**

- A. It will be your highest priority to maintain good public relations and professional conduct, while representing as the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty and the Lander community. It is also your responsibility to portray the highest moral and ethical standards, show the ideals of your title, set an example above reproach, conduct yourself as a positive role model to young girls, and show a positive example to the public.
- B. When making an appearance as the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty, you are NOT allowed to smoke, drink alcohol of any kind, chew tobacco, use foul language, nor use inappropriate social behavior.
- C. You MUST have an approved escort or chaperone with you while making all appearances as the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty. (Typically a parent, adult relative or contest coordinator.)
- D. The Lander Pioneer Days Royalty must not marry or become pregnant during her year of reign. She must not violate any existing federal, state, or local laws OR any rules and regulations of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest or Royalty Commitment.
- E. Should any of the above rules and regulations not be strictly adhered to, the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty will lose her title, including ALL gifts and prizes, and the Attendant will immediately assume all duties as the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty.

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**Donations / Fund Raisers / Gifts**

- A. You may receive additional gifts, donations, and funds as Lander Pioneer Days Royalty, however these must be pre-approved by the contest coordinator. You may also hold your own fundraising events under the title of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty, however, you MUST have prior approval from contest coordinator who will then in turn take it to the Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee.
- B. Any monetary or other donations received through a fundraising event, MUST be used towards your traveling and promotional expenses.

**Statement of Understanding**

Upon entering, the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) agree to be bound by the terms thereof with regard to whether or not Contestant is chosen for any titles awarded in all matters relating to the consideration of contestants' entry.

The Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant acknowledges receipt, understands and agrees to abide by the above rules and regulations of the contest and commitments and conduct if awarded the next Lander Pioneer Days Queen, Jr. Queen or Princess. If any of the listed rules and/or requirements are not followed, the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty understands that she will immediately forfeit her title and all gifts and prizes awarded as such.

The Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) authorize and consent to the release of information by the Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee to the media and other organizations regarding any information the Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee may have concerning the Contestant as long as such release of information is done in good faith and without malice. The Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) hereby release, waive from liability and hold harmless all members of the Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee, Lander Pioneer Days Parade Committee, Lander Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lander Old Timers' Rodeo Association in route to and from, during the contest, and the Lander Pioneer Days celebration and all individuals and organizations which are directly and/or indirectly involved in the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contest.

The Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) understand that any significant misstatements in or omissions from the entry form constitute cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any titles which may have been awarded. If for any reason contestant cannot or is unable to fulfill the obligations set forth, the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty Contestant and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) agree to notify the contest coordinator or another member of the Lander Pioneer Days Queen Committee.

I hereby state that I have read and understand all the information within this Release Form stated above.

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have read and understand all the information within this Release Form stated above.

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FACT SHEET**

**2026 LANDER PIONEER DAYS ROYALTY CONTESTANT**

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT AGE AS OF 1/1/2025: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL OR COLLEGE MAJOR OR ANY DEGREES EARNED:  
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SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHAT IS YOUR LIFE AMBITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE LANDER PIONEER DAYS \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Title: Q, Jr. Q, P)  
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# How to prepare for the contest:

This is supposed to be a fun activity for you to be part of the tradition and legacy of being a member of the Lander Pioneer Days Royalty.

## Competition and preparation is simple:

Be ready and in the barn by 5:30 pm. You may warm up your horse and walk the arena starting at 5:00 pm.

Practice the reining pattern with your horse prior to competition.

Wear clean, fitted clothing and hat. Hat should never be touched in the arena or fall off in the arena. Use bobby pins, stuffing the sweat band, hair spray and double-sided sticky tape if necessary to keep your hat on.

Clean your tack and your horse the best you can.

Wear a smile and have a good attitude even if you have something not go as planned.

## Practice answering these questions below:

Tell us about yourself.

Why do you want to be Lander Pioneer Days Rodeo Royalty?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

What life skills has your horse taught you?

What do you do with your horse? (Compete, activities, etc.)

When is the Lander Pioneer Days Rodeo and why should I come to Lander to attend it?

What events happen during the Lander Pioneer Days Rodeo and which one is your favorite one?

Name three Wyoming cowboys or cowgirls that compete in rodeo, know their names, where they live, what event(s) they compete in.

What motto do you live by?

What is your favorite book or song and why?

What is your favorite subject in school and why?

What does rodeo mean to you?

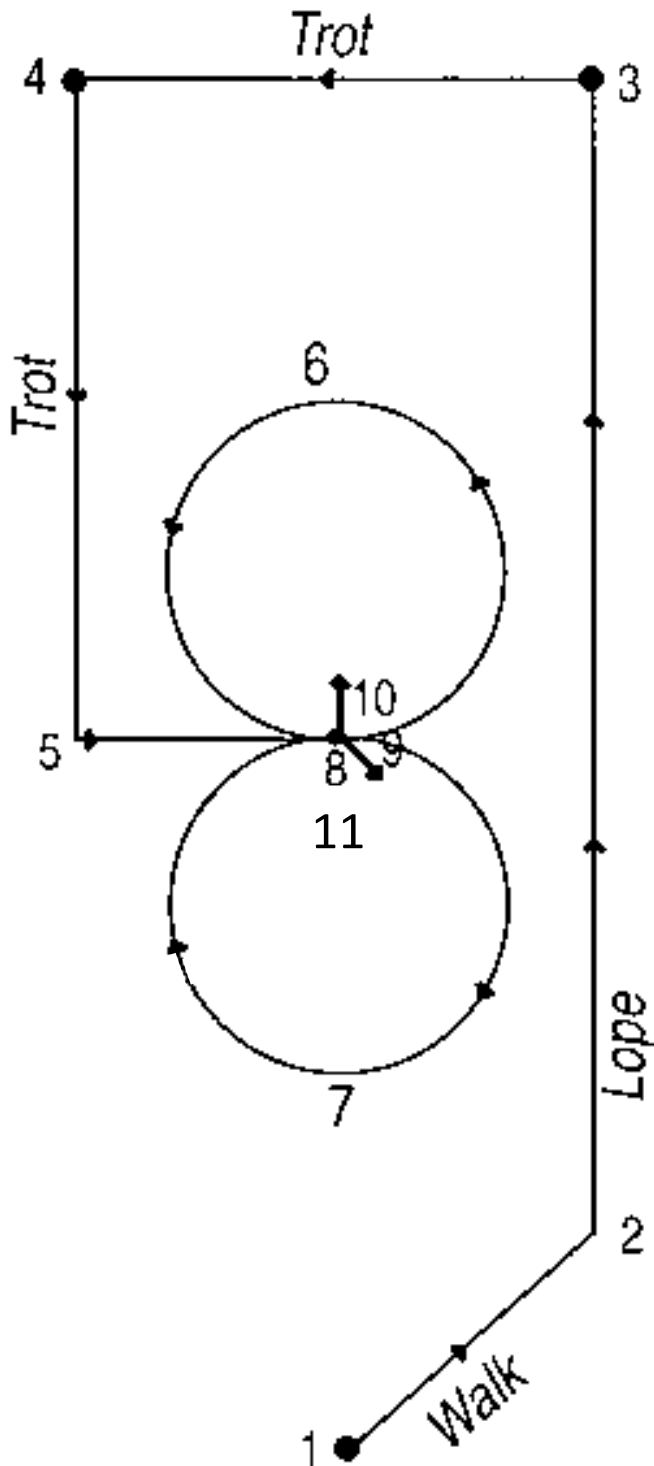
Know the breed, age and gender of your horse.

Go to [LOTRA.org](http://LOTRA.org) to learn more about the Lander Pioneer Days Rodeo.

What is "Cowboy Christmas?"

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# Lander Pioneer Days Princess Contestant Reining Pattern



1- Enter the arena and wait to be acknowledged by the judges.

1 to 2- Walk horse to rail.

2 to 3- Turn left and lope to 3.

3- Stop.

3 to 4- Turn left and trot to 4.

4- Stop.

4 to 5- Turn left and trot to 5.

5- Turn left and begin lope.

6- Lope a large left circle.

7- Lope a large right circle.

8- Stop.

9- Pivot right 90 degrees.

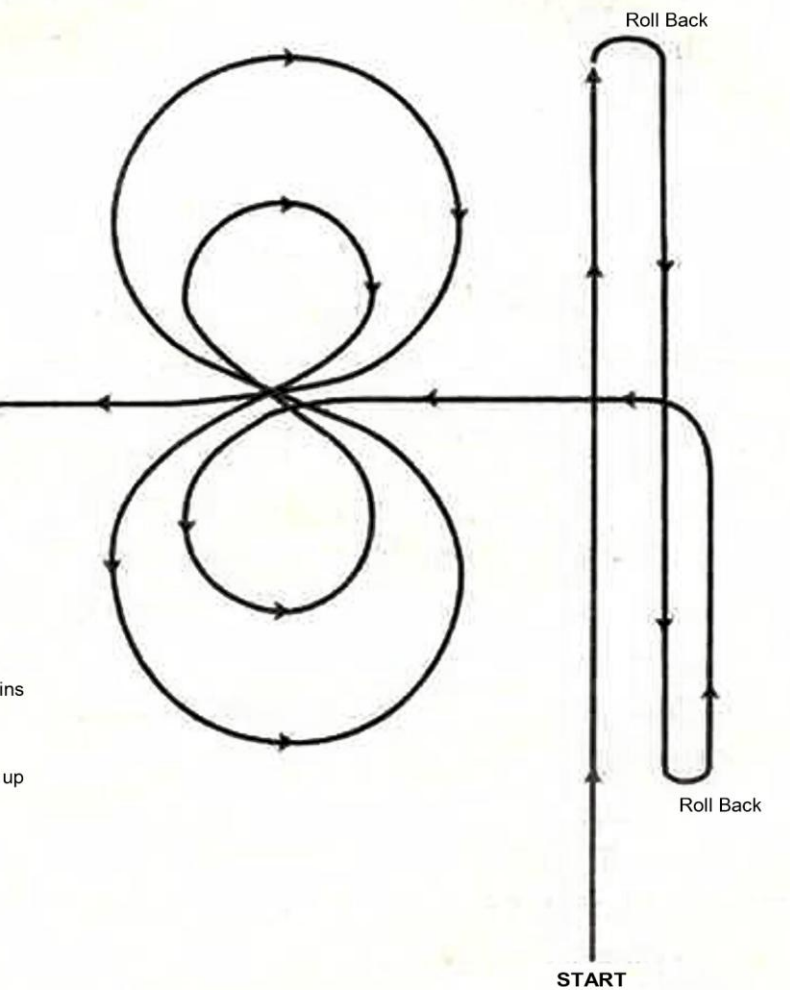
10- Pivot left 180 degrees.

11- Back at 5 paces. Hesitate to show completion of pattern.

12- Turn and walk to judges. Dismount for interview.

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# Lander Pioneer Days Queen & Jr. Queen Contestant Reining Pattern



- 1- Enter the arena and wait to be acknowledged by the judges.
- 2- Lope down right hand side to far end of arena. Stop, and rollback to the right.
- 3- Lope to other end of arena. Stop and rollback to the left.
- 4- Continue to center of arena.
- 5- Lope small, slow speed circle to the left.
- 6- Lope small, medium speed circle to the right.
- 7- Lope large, fast circle to the left.
- 8- Lope large, fast circle to the right.
- 9- Change leads, and continue down the left side of the arena.
- 10- Stop and back 10 paces.
- 11- Pivot right 360 degrees.
- 12- Pivot left 180 degrees.
- 13- Hesitate to show completion of pattern.
- 14- Walk to judges. Dismount for interview.
- 15- Remount and wait to be dismissed.
- 16- Start Presentation Run around the whole arena.
- 17- Take flag and complete Flag Run.