



National Polled Hereford Queen Rules

The following are rules and regulations that govern the National Polled Hereford Queen Contest.

I. Qualifications

- A. CONTESTANT MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND NOT HAVE REACHED 22 years of age by January 1 of the year that she will represent her state at the Junior National Expo as Queen
- B. Must be single, never married, no children
- C. Must be a member of the National Junior Hereford Association and a daughter or granddaughter of a Polled Hereford breeder who is a member of the AHA or must own a Polled Hereford animal
- D. Must have been designated a State Polled Hereford Queen
- E. May serve as a Queen for her state association a second year
- F. May compete for National Queen two years providing she did not win the National title and she has the approval of her state
- G. A candidate may not be queen/princess for another breed and a State/National Polled Hereford Queen simultaneously
- H. The sponsoring state organization must have at least one Poll-ette member with their national dues paid by August 1 of the year she is competing for National Queen.

II. Rules

- A. A letter of sponsorship from each state organization must be submitted to the National Queen Chairman, stating its intentions to submit its state queen as a candidate. This letter should be submitted as soon as the state Queen has been selected and no later than June 30 of said year.
- B. One original plus three copies of a personal resume submitted by each contestant, two letters of recommendation (not a relative), and the state queen chairman assessment must be sent directly to the National Poll-ette Queen Chairman by September 1 or earlier. All must be typed.
- C. Official pictures must be included with the resume. Official Pictures: Four colored prints no smaller than 3 ½" by 5" and no larger than 5" by 7". Portrait is to be taken in official summer outfit with banner. No small school pictures will be accepted. Pictures will be permanently placed in the National Organization of Poll-ette's scrapbook.



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- D. Judging will be based on general appearance, ability to communicate, general knowledge of the breed and beef cattle industry, personality and poise.
- E. A state queen may not attend a function outside their elected area in official state queen capacity unless personally invited by the host state.
- F. The National Polled Hereford Queen will be crowned during the Denver Show and Sale. Runners-up will also be chosen.
- G. Official state banner must have the words "Polled Hereford" on the banner. This banner will be worn at all events during the Denver National Show week except the official interview session with the judges.
- H. Only the National Queen will wear white or off-white. For the National Show, each State Queen is to be dressed in a Blazer or Skirt (wool or wool-blend), Boots, Tiara (No Hat) and Banner. At the Junior National Hereford Exp, Queens shall be dressed in a skirt, blouse with sleeves, boots, tiara (no hat) and banner at the events or activities designed as "Dress or Queen Events". See Official State Queen Outfit Guidelines for further details.
- I. The National Queen is required to attend the Junior National Expo and Denver National Show and Sale during her reign. She is encouraged to attend other National Hereford Shows as her schedule permits.
- J. Each state queen should attend the Junior National Expo and is expected to attend the Denver National Show and Sale.
- K. The National Queen and State Queens are responsible for making their own room reservations.
- L. The National Queen and State Queens may show at the Junior National Hereford Expo Show.
- M. The National and State Queens may not show at the Denver National Show. They may enter cattle, but may not be involved in the care and exhibiting of the animals at the Denver National Show.
- N. The National Queen may enter cattle at the other National Shows. However, if she appears at the show and participates as the National Queen (Ring, Handing out Ribbons, Pictures, Etc.) She may not participate in the exhibiting of the animals on show day.
- O. Any deviation from the expected behavior of the Queen and candidates such as pregnancy, felony violation of the law, etc. will result in disqualification from the program.



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- P. Media interviews will be conducted with a National Poll-ette Director present.
- Q. The National Queen and State Queens will not consume alcohol, use tobacco or drugs, or use obscene language while serving in any official capacity as queen.
- R. Each State Queen will sign and return the conduct agreement to the National Queen Chairman before the Junior National Hereford Expo.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Each contestant and the National Queen will be chaperoned at all times by her parents or guardian or person designated by the Queen's parent(s) or guardian.
- B. The National Queen will wear two special outfits. The summer outfit will consist of a white skirt and white blouse, white boots, national banner and crown. The winter outfit will consist of a white suit and white blouse, white boots, white gloves, national banner and crown. The Queen's crown is hers to keep. The national banner will be passed on to subsequent Queens.
- C. The National Queen will receive financial assistance from NOP for certain expenses incurred in the course of her duties. Itemized receipts are to be sent to the National Poll-ette Queen Chairman in a timely manner (at least quarterly). The NOP Queen Chairman will review, approve and then send the request to the NOP Treasurer for payment of approved expenses.
1. \$100.00 towards a pair of white Roper boots
 2. \$200.00 for Suit – Queen may make or purchase
 3. \$50.00 for Photo – Taken as soon as possible
 4. Travel Expenses as follows: A maximum of \$500.00 for travel expenses to the National Junior Hereford Expo and up to \$500.00 for the Denver National Show and Sale. Up to \$250.00 for each of the following shows American Royal, NAILE, Reno, Keystone National or Ft. Worth Stock Show. Additionally up to \$500.00 for actual expenses, above all National Queen Donations and fund raising.



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5. The National Queen will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship upon the completion of one college, technical school, or trade school semester following the completion of her reign. The queen will be responsible for submitting proof of completion to the National Queen Chairman. This proof must be submitted within four years of the completion of reign.

- D. The National Queen may be invited and sponsored by state Hereford and Poll-ette Associations or individual breeders to attend show and sales. She must arrange in advance, with the National Queen Chairman regarding the invitation and financing of her attendance.

- E. The first runner-up shall receive a plaque and a \$300.00 scholarship. Second Runner-up will receive a plaque and \$250.00 scholarship. Miss Congeniality shall receive a plaque and a \$200.00 scholarship.