



New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association Queen Contest 2011 Program Policy

The New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association's Annual Queen Contest is open to young ladies between the ages of 18 and 25 who have never been married, divorced or a parent. Additionally, candidates must be a current member of the NHQHA.

NHQHA Queen Contest candidates compete in a three-part contest that includes a personal interview, a written test covering the AQHA Handbook, and a horsemanship competition.

Judging selections will be made based on the following criteria:

Horsemanship Test – 20 percent of the total score. It is not required that the candidates own the horse they ride. Each contestant will receive a score of 0-20 on each judge's card.

Written Test – 40 percent of the total score. The written test will consist of 80 questions on general horse knowledge, along with many questions from the AQHA rulebook and NHQHA. The written test may contain true and false questions, along with multiple choice and fill in the blank. Each question will be worth ½ point.

Personal Interview – 40 percent of the total score. Each candidate will participate in a 15-minute personal interview before a panel of three NHQHA associated interviewers. Candidates will be judged on their appearance, personality and ability to present themselves. It will be to each candidate's advantage to make the best impression possible at all times. Each candidate will receive a score of 0-40 from each judge.

Ties – In the event of a tie, the personal interview scores will be used to determine the winner. We chose the interview as a tiebreaker since we feel it is very important for the NHQHA Queen to be well spoken in order to best represent the NHQHA.

The three-part test will be conducted on the following dates:

1. Horsemanship Competition
September
Novice/Open Show
Townsend's Training Farm, Pembroke, NH
2. Written Test
October
NHQHA Board of Directors Meeting
Baker Free Library in Bow, NH
3. Personal Interview
November
Annual Membership Meeting, location TBD

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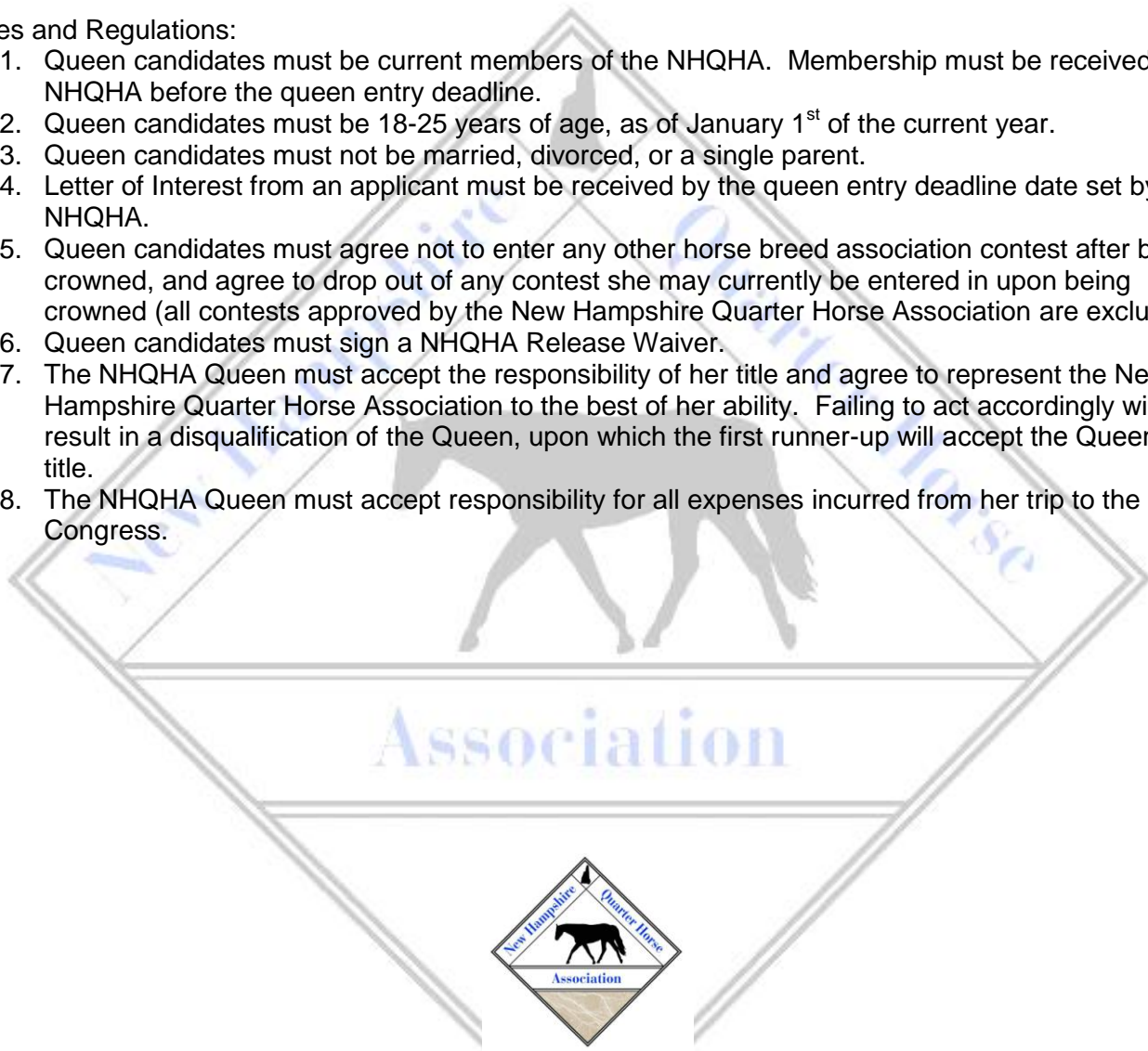
The new Queen will be crowned at the NHQHA Awards Banquet in February.

The NHQHA Queen will serve as an ambassador on behalf of the association, encouraging membership in the association, making appearances at state and regional Quarter Horse functions, as well as visiting related open show and breed associations to raise awareness of NHQHA.

The NHQHA Queen also represents the association in the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest, held annually in October.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Queen candidates must be current members of the NHQHA. Membership must be received by NHQHA before the queen entry deadline.
2. Queen candidates must be 18-25 years of age, as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Queen candidates must not be married, divorced, or a single parent.
4. Letter of Interest from an applicant must be received by the queen entry deadline date set by NHQHA.
5. Queen candidates must agree not to enter any other horse breed association contest after being crowned, and agree to drop out of any contest she may currently be entered in upon being crowned (all contests approved by the New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association are excluded).
6. Queen candidates must sign a NHQHA Release Waiver.
7. The NHQHA Queen must accept the responsibility of her title and agree to represent the New Hampshire Quarter Horse Association to the best of her ability. Failing to act accordingly will result in a disqualification of the Queen, upon which the first runner-up will accept the Queen's title.
8. The NHQHA Queen must accept responsibility for all expenses incurred from her trip to the Congress.



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