

Royalty Court Contest Rules and Regulations



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Open to all WSH Divisions

***Per approval from the 2013 WSH Board of Directors, the following rules and guidelines
shall be put into motion
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Section 1.

WSH Royalty Court Eligibility Requirements

*The following rules are set forth to ensure the integrity and moral standards of the WSH Royalty Court Contest and to protect all participants of WSH, and its Royalty Court Contest.

1.1-Contestant must be an active current member in good standing of Washington State Horsemen.

1.2-Contestant must be between 5-12 for Honorary Court and 13-25 years of age at the time of his/her declaration.

1.3- Contestant must be single, never married and have no children.

1.4-If Contestant is not presently enrolled in school, he/she must be a high school graduate or hold a GED.

1.5-Contestant must obtain or sell a minimum of \$250 worth of Sponsorships. The minimum for Honorary court is \$60

1.6-Contestant must have use of a horse, their own equipment and transportation during his/her reign as Royalty.

1.7-Contestant must not have ever been convicted of a felony crime.

1.8-Upon gaining the King/Queen title, the WSH King/Queen will uphold all duties as Presented to him/her by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Coordinators.

1.9-Contestants must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Must be of good moral character and will not be permitted to chew gum, drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language while representing WSH

1.10-All contestants must submit a head shot(4x6 or 5x7 is fine) with a brief resume/bio by June 1st to the Royalty Coordinator(s), Resume should include age, schooling, parent's names, hometown, horse activities and club sponsor (if applicable). Photo is not guaranteed to be returned. Royalty packets received after this date may be accepted upon review.

1.11-The Royalty will be crowned at the Washington State Horsemen Convention and will represent WSH the following year by making personal appearances that must be approved by the royalty coordinator, and a schedule will be given. Washington State Horsemen Prince/Princesses duties are similar to that of the King/Queen, they will also have required appearances. They must be eager and willing to attend various division functions throughout the year to assist the Washington State Horsemen King/Queen when needed.

1.12-**DRESS CODE: Any time you are representing WSH you WILL be in full appropriate attire. NO EXCEPTIONS. Full attire for a casual event will consist of Long Jeans clean and in good repair, NO HOLES, Boots, Hat, Sash, Belt, Long Sleeve Western Shirt, and Crown and banner. Full attire for a formal event will consist of a Long Dress, Sash and Crown for ladies and dress slacks and dress shirt for gentlemen. Honorary Court has the same casual wear and formal wear will be "Sunday best"**

1.13- The 3 strike policy- Contestants and title holders will not miss more than 3 events. Each event declined or missed will count as a strike, at 3 you will be stripped of you title. The directors will give you adequate time to plan to make it to an event, if you cancel at the last minute only a DR or VET note will excuse you. Missing a required element of competition will disqualify you from the overall title, i.e.; Interview, Horsemanship ride, Essay. You must attend Convention to receive the overall crown, and you must be at the following Convention to return

it and crown your successor. Failure to do so WILL result in you sending in your crown, sash and any prizes that you won in Royalty.

Section 2.

Washington State Horsemen Royalty

Court Contest

Our Goal: To promote and preserve the traditions of the Washington State Horsemen Organization with the highest integrity.

2.1-The purpose of the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest is to promote the Washington State Horsemen Organization by horsewomen/horsemen that hold the highest of moral standards and should be considered role models. The Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest is organized to select a contestant that is the most qualified representative for the Washington State Horsemen Organization.

Section 3.

General Contest Information

3.1-Judges will be looking for personal appearance, personality, cleanliness of horse/tack, clean/neat attire, smiles, ability to answer questions, riding ability, poise, and personal conduct.

3.2-There will be 3 judges and they will score independently from each other. The score sheets will be turned into the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Coordinators after each judged event. If there is a change to be made on the judge's score sheets, it will be initialed by the judge and the Coordinators.

3.3-The Royalty Court Contest Coordinators will provide the rules and regulations of the Royalty Court Contest to the candidates.

3.4-Score sheets may be made available for viewing after the coronation if they so desire. Score sheets will be viewed only by the contestants. Contestants may see only their own score sheets.

3.5-Judges must have no relationship to any of the contestants, no exceptions.

Section 4.

WSH Royalty Contract

4.1-Duties of the Court must be completed unless the participant completes a withdrawal, and handed into the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s), or the Prince/Princess has been disqualified from his/her reign. With either a withdrawal or disqualification, all prizes, crown/banner, will be returned to the Court Directors.

4.2-Contestants are responsible for encouraging new membership by promoting WSH to non-WSH members.

4.3-Contestant must abide by all ground rules and regulations at all WSH sponsored events.

4.4-Upon gaining the Royal title, the WSH Royalty will uphold all duties as presented to him/her by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Coordinators

4.5-Contestants must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Must be of good moral character and will not be permitted to chew gum, drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use foul language while representing WSH.

4.6-Contestants will not wear clothing that contains crude, foul or offensive language or advertises tobacco, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia.

4.7-Contestants shall wear no personal crown or sash. Sash and crown provided or approved by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Coordinator(s) shall be worn at appropriate times as designated to the contestant during his/her reign as Royalty.

4.8- Washington State Horsemen expects each Contestant and their family members to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest and particularly following the Coronation Ceremony. Each Contestant and family members should be mindful that he/she is representing Washington State Horsemen. Poor sportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated and could result in the Contestant being disqualified and may affect future eligibility to compete in the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest.

4.9-Failure to abide by any rules contained in the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Rulebook by a member of the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court could result in disqualification or a penalty voted on and described by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee. In order to disqualify or penalize a Prince/Princess or King/Queen, a written statement must be submitted to the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Coordinator(s). The Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee will then review the statement. A motion must be approved by the committee to disqualify a Prince/Princess or King/Queen. No Prince/Princess or King/Queen shall be disqualified or penalized on the basis of speculation. The committee will review actions of the contestants carefully before making any decisions to disqualify or penalize a Prince/Princess or King/Queen. If it is a Washington State Horsemen offense then it will go through the necessary channels up to and including the Enforcement Committee.

4.10-In the event that a Washington State Horsemen King/Queen is disqualified from his/her title, or voluntarily steps down from his/her title, the first runner up will take his/her place as Washington State Horsemen King/Queen.

4.11-In the event that a Royalty member voluntarily withdraws from the contest, he/she must sign a withdrawal statement and turn it into the Royalty Court Contest Coordinator(s) along with the crown and banner and any other prizes won.

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Section 5.

Sponsorship Guidelines

5.1-All monies collected will be turned in **as collected** to the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s). All checks must be made out to **Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court**. Do not send cash. Keep a record of all sales and periodically check to insure that your figures match those of the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s). Maintain your record books, as they will be collected on Friday at Washington State Horsemen Convention by the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s).

5.2-All ads and advertising money should be turned into the WSH Royalty Court Coordinators before the 15th of each month. If the ad is not turned in by the 15th it will appear in the next issue of the Canter.

5.3-Any correspondence between the Canter editor and candidates should only be through the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Coordinators. All money and ads will be turned in by the deadlines set forth. No exceptions.

5.4-All auction items must be listed and turned in, with retail value, to the Auction Coordinator(s) by 2:00 pm on the Friday prior to the Washington State Horsemen Convention. Donations for the auction will not count toward the monies for the Sponsorship totals after that time. The sale of alcohol is strictly prohibited from the auction. The winning bid of auction item(s), **not** the retail value, will count towards sponsorships totals.

5.5-All fundraisers shall require a verbal approval from the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Coordinators.

5.6-The direction of funds retained by a Prince/Princess must be disclosed to the participants of any fundraisers constructed to personally benefit a Prince/Princess.

5.7-All monies must be receipted and turned in as collected to the WSH Secretary Treasurer:
PO Box 1432
Belfair, WA 98528

please mail a copy of the check and form to:

WSH Royalty Court Coordinators
42702 248th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Section 6.

Basic Awards Based On Advertisement and Sales

At each monetary goal the contestant may select from a list of available prizes that fit their needs. I.e.; not everyone needs a halter, perhaps a directors chair is of more use to them and will be a better promotional product for WSH and the Court. Each sponsorship level does NOT include the \$250 entry fee as that is for the crowns and banners and embroidery for those items the contestants receive throughout the year.

\$500

\$1,000

\$3,000

\$4,000

\$5000

***Awards will be ordered as each money goal is reached.**

Section 7.

Sponsorship Opportunities- (Sponsorship packets available)

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,000

- Annual full-page advertisement in The Canter (artwork provided by business)
- Logo inclusion and business card sized advertisement on the WSH website (artwork provided by business)
- Banner signage at WSH events (provided by business)
- Public address recognition at WSH events
- Preferred vendor space assignment at WSH events (subject to Vendor Village booth space fee)
- Opportunity to sample products at WSH events (distributed by WSH personnel on your behalf)
- Recognition as a valued sponsor at WSH events

GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- Annual half-page advertisement in The Canter (artwork provided by business)
- Advertisement including Logo inclusion on the WSH website (artwork provided by business)
- Banner signage at WSH events (provided by business)
- Public address recognition at WSH events
- Preferred vendor space assignment at WSH events (subject to Vendor Village booth space fee)
- Opportunity to sample products at WSH events (distributed by WSH personnel on your behalf)
- Recognition as a valued sponsor at WSH events

SILVER SPONSOR \$250

- Annual quarter-page advertisement in The Canter (artwork provided by business)
- Advertisement on WSH website.
- Banner signage at WSH events (provided by business)
- Public address recognition at WSH events
- Opportunity to sample products at WSH events (distributed by WSH personnel on your behalf)
- Recognition as a valued sponsor at WSH events

BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

- Banner signage at WSH events (provided by business)
- Public address recognition at WSH events
- Recognition as a valued sponsor at WSH events
- Advertisement on WSH Website
- Inclusion on Business Listing in the Canter

WEB PAGE ADVERTISING ONLY \$50

- Advertisement on WSH Website

Section 8.

Judging Criteria and Rules for WSH Royalty Contest

*Each contestant will be judged on the following categories: Essay, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Sportsmanship.

8.1-Essay:

The essay portion of the contest will consist of a written essay (topic to be announced no later than May 1). The essays must contain approximately 750 words and approximately no more than 1500 words. As each essay is turned into the Coordinator(s) they will be assigned a number for anonymous purposes for initial judging only.

8.2-Horsemanship:

This portion of the contest will be judged on the contestant's ability to present themselves and their horse and/or someone else's horse to each judge. This is not judged like a showmanship/horsemanship class; a pattern will be given to each contestant. Each judge is allowed to ask the contestants questions and inspect the horse and equipment. Each contestant will be judged on their overall ability to ride and communicate with the horse.

8.3-Personal Interview:

This portion of the contest will be judged on the contestant's ability to answer direct questions from each judge, as well as their personal demeanor and overall personality and appearance. The judges may collaborate before this portion of the contest to determine who will ask certain questions.

8.4- Sportsmanship:

This portion of the contest is based on the judges. Judging will begin for this portion of the contest from official declaration of participation through the personal interview portion of the contest. Each contestant shall vote on one **fellow** contestant. The contestants will be judged on attitude, ability to communicate with others, his/her ability to help and assist those around them, personality, handing out awards, encouraging all riders, participate in the awards, etc.

8.5-Sponsorship:

This is based on the amount of money each contestant raises during the year by obtaining Business Associate Memberships, Personal and Corporate Sponsorships, holding fundraisers, selling commercial vendor space and collecting donations. These awards will be ordered level is achieved, with the total of monies turned in.

8.6-Washington State Horsemen King/Queen Title:

This award is scored by placing from the five individual categories: Essay, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Sportsmanship.

8.7-Judges Criteria & Rules:

There will be 3 judges selected for the contest, and they will score independently of each other. Judges are allowed to collaborate during the personal interview portion of the contest to determine who will ask certain questions of each contestant. Judges should sit where they have a clear view of the contestant during the personal interview and Horsemanship. Overall, the judges will be looking at personal appearance, personality, cleanliness of horse and equipment, clean/neat apparel, smiles, ability to answer direct questions, riding ability, poise, and personal conduct. All score sheets will be turned into the Royalty Court Contest Coordinator(s) after the personal interview portion of the contest. If there is a change to be made to a score sheet, it will be initialed by the judge and the Coordinator(s). In the case of a tie in the following categories, the Royalty Court Contest Coordinator(s) and committee will commence amongst each other to finalize the decision: Essay, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Sportsmanship.

Washington State Horsemen Business/Corporate Membership Form

Mail this form with check to:

WSH Secretary Treasurer

PO Box 1432

Belfair, WA 98528

Complete the following as you would like it to appear in your listing:

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Year of Membership: _____

Web Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of contestant being sponsored: _____

***Please attach artwork as you would like it to appear (may require original software)**

Select Type of Membership (See Information Sheet for Description of Each)

- PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,000
- GOLD SPONSOR \$500
- SILVER SPONSOR \$250
- BRONZE SPONSOR \$100
- WEB PAGE ADVERTISING ONLY \$50

Select category or categories in which you want to be listed

- Awards, Trophies, Ribbons
- Board and Training
- Custom Show Attire
- Farrier
- Fencing
- Horse Trailer Sales
- Show Grounds and Arenas
- Veterinarian
- Breeding Services
- Farm and Ranch Equipment
- Feed Store
- Horse Show Services
- Real Estate
- Tack Store
- Other

Questions: www.washingtonstatehorsemen.org or (360)825-5617

WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN ROYALTY COURT DECLARATION

I, _____ have read and understand the rules for the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest. I will turn in any money and/or membership forms as collected to the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s). I further agree to have all monies turned in to the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s) by the dates set forth by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee. I understand that other monies collected after this date will not count towards the Sponsorship Award. The deadline for these monies is the first day of the WSH Convention of said year.

I agree to the rules and regulations of the Royalty Court Contest as presented to me by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee and have received a copy of the rules and regulations for the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest. I fully understand that I am subject to all clauses and issues of this contest. I therefore agree to represent the Washington State Horsemen Organization in a responsible manner.

Should I gain the title of Washington State Horsemen King/Queen, I will uphold all rules and regulations as presented to me by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and regulations could result in disqualification from the title of Washington State Horsemen King/Queen.

Signed _____ Date _____

If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian: _____

Name: _____ Chaperon: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

AGE GROUP (check one) 13-17____ **18-24**____

Send completed forms to:

Sondjia and Sondra Edwards
42702 248th AVE SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

WASHINGTON STATE HORSEMEN HONORARY ROYALTY COURT SIGN UP

The Honorary Royalty Court is for 5-12 year olds. This is a youth development program for kids who love horses. After the directors receive this form and the \$60 entry fee, your child will receive a crown and banner(sash) that they can wear to horse events, or any event for that matter! The kids do NOT compete with each other like the older age divisions. Instead of an Interview, there will be a Horse Bowl at the WSH convention and instead of the Horsemanship test, there will be stick horse classes at the convention. At the end of the year we will introduce them on stage and give them a beautiful, huge, ribbon and trophy. They may enter every year until they are eligible to compete for the Overall Title. Through the year the older contestants will mentor the younger ones and help them grow into a future leader.

I, _____ have read and understand the rules for the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest. I will turn in any money and/or membership forms as collected to the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s). I further agree to have all monies turned in to the WSH Royalty Court Coordinator(s) by the dates set forth by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee. I understand that other monies collected after this date will not count towards the Sponsorship Award. The deadline for these monies is the first day of the WSH Convention of said year.

I agree to the rules and regulations of the Royalty Court Contest as presented to me by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee and have received a copy of the rules and regulations for the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest. I fully understand that I am subject to all clauses and issues of this contest. I therefore agree to represent the Washington State Horsemen Organization in a responsible manner.

I will uphold all rules and regulations as presented to me by the Washington State Horsemen Royalty Court Contest Committee. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and regulations could result in disqualification from the title of Washington State Horsemen Royalty Program.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Name: _____ Age _____ Chaperon: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

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