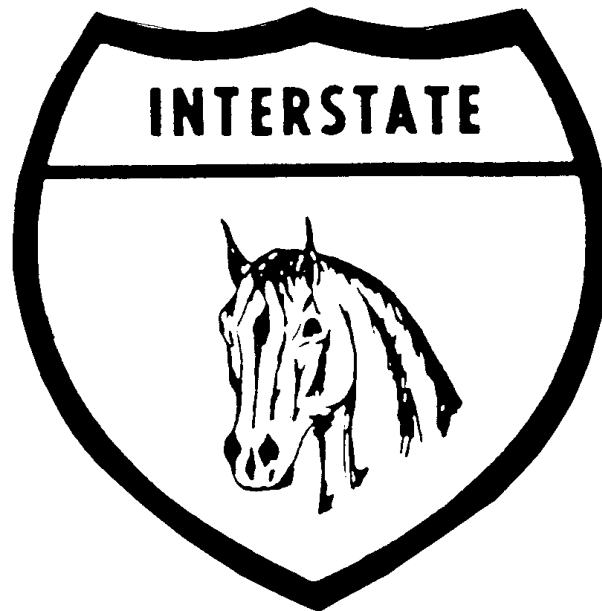


2011
Interstate Championship
Games Meet Queen
Contest

Official Rulebook
& Princess Declaration Page



Sanctioned by:
Interstate Championship Games Meet Committee
(As Approved on October 21, 2006)
All changes to the rulebook are noted as to the dates of the change

*The following rules and requirements are set forth to ensure the integrity and moral standards of the Interstate Queen Contest and the Interstate Championship Games Meet, and to protect all participants of Interstate, its Committees, and its Queen Contest.

Interstate Court Eligibility Requirements

- **Section 1:** Contestant must be a member of Pattern Speed Horse Association (PSHA) or Western Horseman of Oregon (WHO).
- **Section 2:** Contestant must be at least 15 years of age at the time of her declaration.
- **Section 3:** If contestant is not presently enrolled in school, she must be a high school graduate or hold a GED. Contestant must provide proof to the Queen Contest Coordinator that she is indeed in school, or has graduated, or has a GED.
- **Section 4:** Contestant must sell a minimum of \$500 worth of sponsorship ads and/or other items.
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- **Section 5:** Contestant must be able to ride and either own or lease a horse during her reign as Princess and Queen.
- **Section 6:** Contestant must abide by all ground rules and regulations at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.
- **Section 7:** Contestant must not have ever been convicted of a felony crime.
- **Section 8:** The deadline for Contestant to declare as Interstate Princess is June 1st. Declaration forms must be turned in to the Queen Contest coordinator by this date. (*passed 10-20-07*)

General Contest Rules and Information

- **Section 1:** The rules and regulations of the Queen Contest will be provided by the Queen Contest Coordinator to the candidates. Official rulebooks will be made available to candidates.
- **Section 2:** There will be 4 judges and they will score independently from each other. The score sheets will be turned into the Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator 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 coordinator.
- **Section 3:** Contestants will not wear clothing that contains crude, foul or offensive language or advertises tobacco, alcohol, or drug paraphernalia.
- **Section 4:** Long pants, or long skirts, and long-sleeve shirts or jackets, and boots must be worn during the judged portion of the Queen Contest. Other wardrobe recommendations for the Queen and her court will be made by the Interstate Queen Contest Committee for Western Horseman of Oregon, and Patterned Speed Horse Association approved shows, and awards banquets held by either club. While these recommendations are not enforced by an official rule, they should be taken into careful consideration by the Queen and her court.

- **Section 5:** Interstate expects each Contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the contest and particularly following the Coronation Ceremony. Each Contestant should be mindful that she is representing the Interstate Championship Games Meet and the sport of gaming. 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 Interstate Queen Contest.
- **Section 6:** Score sheets will be available to the Princesses for viewing after the competition, showing only the total scores in each judged event. The Interstate Princess' comment sheets will also be made available to them after the coronation if they so desire. Comment sheets will be viewed only by the contestants, and Contestants may see only their own comment sheets. The entire packet of Queen Judges score sheets and their comments sheets will be audited at the October meeting by the Interstate Committee. (*passed 10-20-07*)
- **Section 7:** The Interstate Committee will waive camping fees and one stall for the Queen and each Queen Candidate at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.
- **Section 8:** Contestants shall wear no personal crown or sash. Only a sash and crown provided or approved by the Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator shall be worn at appropriate times as designated by the contestant during her reign as Princess or Queen.
- **Section 9:** The Queen and official court will attend and participate in both Patterned Speed Horse Association and Western Horseman of Oregon Convention. The Interstate Committee will pay for travel expenses, lodging for Friday and Saturday night, and two dinner tickets.
- **Section 10:** Each candidate will write thank you notes to each of their sponsors and attach them to their ad and submit it to the Interstate Princess Ad coordinator. The Interstate Committee will furnish thank you notes and Interstate Programs. (*updated 8-28-08*)
- **Section 11:** All contestants must submit a black & white photo with a brief resume by **June 1st** to the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator for the Interstate Program. Resume should include age, schooling, parent's names, hometown, horse activities and club sponsor (if applicable). Photo is not guaranteed to be returned.
- **Section 12:** Upon gaining her Queen title, the Interstate Queen will uphold all duties as presented to her by the Interstate Queen Contest Committee.
- **Section 13:** Upon declaration by a contestant, her duties as Princess will continue, unless otherwise disqualified or withdrawn, until her completion of the Queen Contest at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.
- **Section 14:** In the event that an Interstate Queen is disqualified from her title, or voluntarily steps down from her title, the first runner up will take her place as Interstate Queen. The Queen's crown, belt buckle, saddle, and sash will be handed over to the first runner up. No other awards obtained by the Queen during the Queen Contest must be handed over to the first runner up.
- **Section 15:** Duties of a Princess/Queen must be completed unless a "Princess Withdraw" or "Queen Withdraw" has been completed by the contestant, and handed into the Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator, or the Princess/Queen has been disqualified from her reign.

- **Section 16:** In the event that a Princess voluntarily withdraws from the contest, she must sign a “Princess Withdraw” statement and turn in into the Queen Contest Coordinator. She must also contact all sponsors she has collected money from, and allow them the opportunity to choose if:
 - 1.) The money is donated to Interstate, counting toward no Princess’ total funds as counted by the Interstate Treasurer.
 - 2.) No sponsorship will be donated, and a full refund will be made to the sponsor by the person holding the sponsors donation.
- **Section 17:** In the event that a Princess withdraws from the contest, the Queen Contest Coordinator and Interstate Treasurer must be informed as soon possible as to the direction of funds held by the Princess so that funds may be transferred in a timely manner.
- **Section 18:** Contestants that have been disqualified from the contest may enter into the contest again during a different year only with approval from both the Queen Contest Committee, and the Interstate Committee. A written explanation by the contestant must be submitted to the Queen Contest Committee to approve the contestant’s re-entry into the contest.
- **Section 19:** A Princess may withdraw from the contest, and re-enter at any time during the same contest year, only with approval from both the Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator, and the Interstate Committee Chairman.
- **Section 20:** Contestants will sign a pledge that they will conduct themselves in a professional and moral manner during their reign as Princess or Queen. Contestants will be allowed to drink/smoke, in moderation, at Interstate, Patterned Speed Horse Association approved show, Western Horsemen of Oregon approved shows, and awards banquets held by either club, if they are over the legal age.
- **Section 21:** Failure to abide by any rules contained in the Interstate Queen Contest Rulebook by a member of the Interstate Court could result in disqualification or a punishment as voted on and described by the Interstate Committee. In order to disqualify or punish a Princess or Queen, a written statement must be submitted to the Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator. The statement will then be reviewed by the Interstate Committee. A motion must be approved by the committee to disqualify a Princess or Queen. No Princess or Queen shall be disqualified or punished on the basis of speculation. Actions of the contestants will be reviewed carefully by the committees before making any decisions to disqualify or punish a Princess or Queen.

Sponsorship Guidelines

- **Section 1:** All ad/sponsorship monies collected will be turned in on a monthly basis to the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator. All checks must be made out to **Interstate Championship Games**. Do not send cash in the mail. Keep a record of all sales and periodically check to insure that your figures match those of the Interstate Treasurer. Maintain your receipt books, as they will be collected on Friday at Interstate by the Interstate Treasurer.
- **Section 2:** All ads/ad money for the Interstate Program must be turned in to the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator **by August 3rd, 2011.** *(updated annually)*

- **Section 3:** Other monies collected after the ad money deadline by the Interstate Treasurer will count towards the Sponsorship Award. The deadline for these monies is Friday at 7:00 pm at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.
- **Section 4:** Any correspondence between the Interstate Program Editor and candidates should only be done through the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator.
- **Section 5:** All money and ads will be turned in by the deadlines set forth. No exceptions.
- **Section 6:** If ad/ad money is turned into a Princess by a sponsor and the ad/ad money is not turned into the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator by the deadlines and is not printed in the current year's program, the sponsor will either be refunded or their ad will be ran in the following year's Interstate program
- **Section 7:** All auction items must be listed and turned in, with retail value, to the Auction Coordinator by 1:00pm on the Friday prior to the Interstate Championship Games Meet. Donations for the auction will not count toward the monies for the Sponsorship totals after that time.
- **Section 8:** The sale of alcohol is strictly prohibited from the auction.
- **Section 9:** The direction of funds retained by a Princess must be disclosed to the participants of any fundraisers constructed to personally benefit a Princess.
- **Section 10:** Contestants can sell an unlimited number of buckle sponsorships. Buckle sponsors receive a full-page ad stating which event they sponsored. It is NOT guaranteed to be the page facing the event. It is recommended that all events have a sponsor before Contestants sell multiple sponsors for an event.

-All ads and ad monies must be receipted and turned in monthly to:

Suzie Kennell - Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator
 24952 SE Bohna Park Rd. Damascus, OR 97089
 503-658-6356 suzie.mike@frontier.com

Basic Awards Based On Sponsorship Monies

\$500	Princess Sash and Tiara
\$1,000	Interstate Halter
\$2,000	Interstate Horse Blanket
\$3,000	Interstate Princess Jacket
\$4,000	Interstate Princess Belt Buckle
\$7,500	Silver Breast Collar <i>(passed 1-27-07)</i>
\$10,000	\$500 Cash – <i>(awarded at Interstate passed 1-27-07)</i>

*If the current sponsorship record is broken, the Princess will be allowed up to \$300.00 towards the purchase of a custom blanket of her choice. *(passed 1-27-07)*

Awards will be ordered as each money goal is reached *(passed 1-27-07)*

Sponsorships

\$5,000

Official Sponsorship

- Name/logo on program cover
- Ad inside front cover of program
- Name/logo on 32 Championship Buckles
- Name/logo Barrels
- 8 pages of ads in program
- Corporate banners (provided by sponsor) in arena
- Arena Flags (provided by sponsor)
- Sponsor Buckle

\$5,000

Official Sponsorship

- Name/logo on program cover
- Inside back cover of program
- Name/logo on the next available embroiderable/stampable award
- Name/logo on Flag cans (set of six) (*updated 10-20-07*)
- 8 pages of ads in program
- Corporate banners (provided by sponsor) in arena
- Arena Flags (provided by sponsor)
- Sponsor Buckle
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\$1,500

Championship Awards Sponsor

- Name on fenders of 2 Hi-point saddles –*or*–
- Name on fenders of Queen saddle (*updated 10-20-07*) – *or*–
- Name placed on 32 Reserve Championship awards –*or*–
- Name placed on 32 Third place awards
- Two full pages of advertising in Official Program (both sides)
- One 2' x 3' Championship Sponsorship banner (provided by Interstate)
- Corporate banners (provided by sponsor) in arena
- Vendor Space

**First sponsor sold to receive first available awards, etc. Contact awards Coordinator

\$750

Bronze Sponsorship

- Judge/Timer Vests –*or*– Reader Boards –*or*– Magnetic Trailer Sign
- Two full pages in the program
- Announcement during the show
- One 2' x 3' Bronze Sponsorship banner (provided by Interstate)
- One 2' x 3' banners in the arena (provided by sponsor)
- Vendor Space

\$500

Steward/Judge/Timer Vests

- Set of 10 vests to be worn throughout Championship Show
- Vendor Space

- \$500** **Reader Boards**
 - Sponsor name on banners to hang from reader boards (set of two)
 - Vendor Space

- \$500** **Magnetic Trailer signs**
 - To be displayed on the Interstate equipment trailer & Princess' Trailer
 - Vendor space

- \$300** **Back Cover of Program**
 - Odd years Washington/Even years Oregon
 - Vendor Space

- \$250** **Buckle Sponsorship**
 - One full page ad in the program
 - Announcement during the sponsored event
 - One 2' x 3' banner in the arena (provided by Interstate)
 - Vendor Space

- \$230** **Colored page ad**
 - Double sided ad in Official Program on colored paper
 - Includes Vendor Space

- \$200** **Inside Back Cover of Program**
 - Odd years Oregon/Even years Washington
 - Vendor Space

- \$100** **Vendor Space**
 - Includes a full page ad in Official Program

- \$100** **Full page in program**

- \$50** **Half page ad in program**

- \$30** **Quarter page in program**

- \$25** **Business Card size ad in program**

- \$10** **On-Air Sound Ad** *(passed 10-19-08)*
 - Includes announcement once during Championship show

Judges Rules

- **Section 1:** There will be 4 judges selected for the contest, and they will score independently of each other. PSHA, and WHO Presidents will have until the April Interstate Committee meeting to select judges and ask the Interstate Committee for approval of the judges.
- **Section 2:** The judges will be looking at personal appearance, personality, cleanliness of horse and equipment, clean/neat western apparel, smiles, ability to answer direct questions, riding ability, poise, and personal conduct.
- **Section 3:** Judges are asked not to collaborate, or sit together during the speech and the horsemanship portion of the contest. However, judges are allowed to collaborate during the personal interview portion of the contest to determine who will ask certain questions of each contestant.
- **Section 4:** Judges should sit where they have a clear view of the contestant during the speeches, and horsemanship.
- **Section 5:** All score sheets will be turned into the Queens Contest Coordinator 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.
- **Section 6:** In the case of a tie in the following categories, the Queen Contest Judges will commence amongst each other to finalize the decision: Speech, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Miss Congeniality.
- **Section 7:** In the case of a tie for the ***overall*** title of Queen, the contestant with the highest placing in the Sponsorship category shall receive the Interstate Queen title. (*passed 10-17-09*)
- **Section 8:** The winner of each judged category will receive the following awards :
 - Speech: Plaque
 - Horsemanship: Plaque
 - Personal Interview: Plaque
 - Top Sales Award: Plaque
 - Miss Congeniality: Plaque
 - Interstate Queen Title: Saddle, Crown, Buckle
 - Sportsmanship: Silver Headstall

Judging Criteria

- **Section 1:** Each contestant will be judged on the following categories: Speech, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, and Miss Congeniality. The Sponsorship category will count toward the title of Queen, and is not a judged category.
- **Section 2: Speech Award:** The speech portion of the contest will consist of two parts. The contestants must first give a memorized speech that will be no less than 3 minutes, and no longer 5 minutes. Next they will give an impromptu speech that should be no less than 1 minute, and no longer than 2 minutes. The contestants will each be given a different impromptu speech question. (*passed 10-17-09*). This portion of the contest will be judged on the contestant's delivery, appearance, and overall presentation of the speech. This award will be scored by placing. Each judge will place the contestants 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. The judges **combined** totals for this category will be carried forward towards the overall title of Queen. (*clarified wording 10-17-09*) The lowest score will determine the winner of this category. This is an individual award and counts toward the overall title of Queen.
- **Section 3: Horsemanship Award:** This portion of the contest will be the contestant's ability to present herself and her horse to each judge. This is not judged like a showmanship class; however, some of the same strategic positions and guidelines may be used by the judges. Each judge is allowed to ask the contestants questions and inspect the horse and equipment. Each contestant will run a Barrel and Pole bending pattern as well as a Rodeo Run-in. Speed is not the objective, but smooth transitions, quiet handling of the horse, accuracy of the pattern, and contestants overall ability to ride and communicate with the horse. The contestants are allowed to use different horses during this portion of the contest. This award will be scored by placing. Each judge will place the contestants 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. The judges **combined** totals for this category will be carried forward towards the overall title of Queen. (*clarified wording 10-17-09*) The lowest score will determine the winner of this category. This is an individual award and counts toward the overall title of Queen.
- **Section 4: Personal Interview Award:** 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. Each contestant will be asked the same questions by each judge. The judges may collaborate before this portion of the contest to determine who will ask certain questions. This award will be scored by placing. Each judge will place the contestants 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. The judges **combined** totals for this category will be carried forward towards the overall title of Queen. (*clarified wording 10-17-09*) The lowest score will determine the winner of this category. This is an individual award and counts toward the overall title of Queen.
- **Section 5: Miss Congeniality Award:** This portion of the contest is based on the judge's preference. Judges begin judging this portion of the contest during the Queen breakfast through the personal interview portion of the contest. The contestants will be judged on attitude, ability to communicate with others, and personality. This award will be scored by placing. Each judge will place the contestants 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. The judges **combined** totals for this category will be carried forward towards the overall title of Queen. (*clarified wording 10-17-09*) The lowest score will determine the winner of this category. This is an individual award and counts toward the overall title of Queen.
- **Section 6: Interstate Queen Title:** This award is scored by placing of the five individual awards: Speech, Horsemanship, Personal Interview, Miss Congeniality, and Sponsorships. The contestant with the lowest score will determine the winner of this category.

- **Section 7a: Sponsorship Award:** This award is based on the amount of money each contestant raises during the year by selling ads in the program, holding fundraisers, selling commercial vendor space and collecting donations. This award will be scored by placing. Each contestant will be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc, according to the total of monies turned in. This placing (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) will then be multiplied by four and this total carried forward towards the overall title of Queen (*passed 10-17-2009*). The contestant with highest amount of money turned in to the Interstate Treasurer will still receive first place for this category. While this is an individual award and counts toward the overall title of Queen, it is not a judged category.
- **Section 7b: Sponsorship incentive Points:** In addition, as an incentive a separate negative point system has been put into place. When a princess turns in \$5,000.00 she will receive -1 point, \$7,500.00 is -2 points with a maximum of -3 points for \$10,000.00 in sponsorship monies turned in. (*passed 10-19-08*) these points will then multiplied by four and be figured in the overall title of Queen. (*passed 10-17-2009*)
- **Section 8: Sportsmanship:** This is a separate award given out at the end of the weekend during the awards ceremony on Sunday evening. The Interstate Committee will be doing the judging for the sportsmanship award beginning upon the princess' arrival on Thursday at noon through the Championship show on Sunday. (*passed 10-20-07*) The Interstate Queen Contest Coordinator will provide committee members with the judging criteria. The contestants will be judged on the following; each candidate is expected to uphold all Interstate rules including ground rules. Contestant should wear western attire, including sash and tiara during the Interstate competition Saturday morning through Sunday night. Contestant should decorate her stall, ride in each grand entry, and help pass out awards during each performance, present herself with a positive and friendly attitude, display herself with the highest of moral standards, show enthusiasm for all riders, and take proper care of horse. This is an award that will not count toward the overall title of Queen.

Interstate Queen Contest Weekend Itinerary

Friday

11:00	Brief meeting with Contest Coordinator, Princesses and Chaperones
1:00	All auction items turned in
1:30	Begin silent Auction (<i>passed 1-27-07</i>)
3:00	Barbeque potluck
3:30	Close Silent Auction (<i>passed 1-27-07</i>)
4:00	Begin Oral Auction (<i>passed 1-27-07</i>)
6:00	Open Show
7:00	All monies to be turned into Interstate Treasurer

Saturday

7:00	Queen Coordinator meeting with judges
8:00	Queen's Breakfast
8:30	Speeches, Horsemanship, Personal Interviews
1:00	Championship Grand Entry and Show
7:00	Committee Grand Entry, Coronation and Championship Show (<i>passed 3-22-09</i>)

Sunday

12:00	Championship Grand Entry and Show
7:30	Presentation of Awards and Queen's Ball



Interstate Championship Games Meet Princess Declaration

I, _____ have read and understand the rules for the Interstate Queen Contest. I will turn my program advertisement monies and thank you cards in monthly to the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator. I further agree to have all program ads and advertisement monies turned in to the Interstate Princess Ad Coordinator by **Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011**. I understand that other sponsorship monies should be turned into the Interstate Treasurer, and that monies received after the program advertisement deadline will count towards the Sponsorship Award. The deadline for these monies is Friday at 7:00 pm at the Interstate Championship Games Meet.

I agree to the rules and regulations of the Queen Contest as presented to me by the Interstate Queen Contest Committee and have received a copy of the rules and regulations for the Interstate Queen Contest. I fully understand that I am subject to all clauses and issues of this contest. I therefore agree to represent the Interstate Championship Games Meet in a responsible manner.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

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

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Chaperone: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____