

# New Jersey Quarter Horse Association

## Queen Contest Rules and Guidelines- Due June 13, 2011

The applicant must be a current member in good standing and comply with all AQHA and NJQHA rules and regulations. The applicant must be 18-25 years of age (as of 1/1 of competing year). Applicant may not be married, divorced, or a single parent. Upon marriage or becoming pregnant Queen must relinquish her crown to the first runner-up. Applicants may serve as NJQHA Queen no more than two consecutive times.

Judging will be as follows:

1. **Personal Interview 40%:** The interview will be conducted by a three person panel to be held at the NJQHA Show, June23-26/11. The date and time is to be determined. Interview will include but not be limited to, for example: a discussion of the application and its information, rules and regulations of AQHA and NJQHA. Judging will be based on answers, written speech, poise, personality, overall presentation, articulation and **the completed Congress Queen Application, including pictures, presented at interview.**
2. **Written Test 35%:** The written test will be held immediately following the personal interview. The test will be divided 20 questions on the AQHA 2010 rulebook (30%) and 5 question on NJQHA by-laws and all rules (5%). Questions will be true/ false, multiple choice and fill in the blanks. Answers must be exactly from AQHA handbook
3. **Horsemanship/Equitation 25%:** The horsemanship/equitation class will be judged by a three person panel and will be held at NJQHYA show 6/23-26/11, exact date and time to be determined. The class will consist of pattern work as determined by judges and rail work. The class is to be judged per AQHA Rule 474B and 475B. The applicant may show any AQHA registered quarter horse.

All applicants will be given a score in each portion of the contest that will determine the overall results. In the event of a tie the person scoring highest in the personal interview will be crowned NJQHA Queen.

The applicant that is crowned is expected to 1) adhere to the NJQHA Code of Conduct, 2) participate in the Congress Queen Contest, 3) assist in presenting awards at the NJQHA Spring 2011 Show, 4) attend the Awards Banquet for 2011, 5) assist with two NJQHA Trail Rides, 6) assist with one promotional booth presentation, 7) assist in future NJQHA Queen Contests,, crown Queen the following year, 8) be a spokesperson for NJQHA

NJQHA will supply the Queens Crown and Sash and the \$275 Congress application fee which covers the hotel fee at Congress for the contest. The applicant, with the assistance of NJQHA and NJQHYA will be responsible for raising funds for all other expenses (personal transportation, horse transportation, food (human and equine) etc. All funds raised will be made payable to NJQHA then reimbursed to the Queen for expenses. The Queen will maintain a written record of expenses with receipts. Any leftover monies will be applied to the next year Queens's expenses. The Queen will retain the crown and sash as a memoir of her Reign

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Signed

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