

Wisconsin Hereford Royalty Program Rules and Standards

Must be a member of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association and the National Junior Hereford Association

Must be a daughter or granddaughter of a Hereford breeder who is a member of the Wisconsin Hereford Association and preferably a member of the National Hereford Association

Age Eligibility: Queen- 16-22 **Princess-** 12-15 **Sweetheart-** 11 and under

Queen/Princess/Sweetheart can serve 2 years in each position, extenuating circumstances can allow additional years in the Princess/Sweetheart position

Queen/Princess/Sweetheart candidate may not be a state or national Queen/Princess/Sweetheart for another breed

No visible tattoos, nose jewelry, or other visible body piercings

Absolutely **NO** consumption of alcohol, use of tobacco or drugs, or use of obscene language while serving in any official capacity as Queen/Princess/Sweetheart

Dress Code:

For Special Events/National Shows: Queen/Princess must wear blazer (Queen), jacket (Princess), blouse, skirt made of wool, wool blend, gabardine or other appropriate material (no jean material), boots, banner, and tiara (Queen). Make up and jewelry must be conservative and modest.

Skirt must cover top of boot when sitting, generally 1 -3 inches from ground

No see through material or low cut tops will be tolerated

Blouse must always have sleeves

No white, cream, tan, beige, etc may be worn at national events, this color is reserved for the National Queen.

Other Events: Jeans are approved, absolutely no holes or wear spots will be tolerated, appropriate blouse(provided by royalty program), boots, banner, and tiara. Make up and jewelry must be conservative and modest.

Events:

Queen/Princess is required to attend and represent the WHA in 75% of required events listed on the attached page. Please take this into consideration when applying for this program. Queen/Princess must be accompanied to and from the ring by a parent/guardian.

Sweetheart is required to attend the Annual meeting, the State Sale Banquet, and the State Sale. All other events are to be attended at the discretion of the sweetheart's parents. Sweetheart must be accompanied to and from the ring by a parent/guardian and must be accompanied by a princess or queen while in the ring.

Royalty Etiquette

Show Day Duties Start of the Show If you are able to help set-up for the show that day, please arrive early (30 minutes to 1 hour before show time - depending on the size of the show and the amount of awards) to assist in setting out ribbons and trophies. Please be aware of the awards arrangements. Let the show management know you are present and will be assisting. Give them your name/hometown and state royalty you are representing so the show announcer can introduce you at appropriate times.

In the Ring

This section addresses guidelines for the time you are actually in the ring.

1. Always Smile. Eyes are on you at all times. Whether waiting on a class to be judged or if you are posing for a picture, have your best smile on.

2. Sit up straight and pay attention toward the class in the ring.

3. Do not cross your legs when wearing a shorter skirt. Instead, keep both knees and ankles together and both feet on the ground or your legs at an angle with your ankles crossed. This is also a good suggestion even if wearing slacks.

4. No gum.

5. No eating in the ring (take a few minutes and eat behind the scenes).

6. Sit with all the royalty in the designated area in the show ring.

7. Have your own show program so that you may follow along with the procedure of the show. This way you will always know what class or championship will be coming in the ring next.

8. Remember that while you are in the ring, all eyes are upon you and others see all of your actions. Remember too, that while you are in the ring, you are also representing your state.

9. Use your time wisely while working the ring. Be sure you have your awards ready and in hand once the judge goes to the microphone. You surely do not want any delay in the show due to having to wait on the royalty to present awards.

10. Be attentive to the judge as he talks the class and be congratulatory to each of the show persons as they receive their award.

11. As you are collecting and presenting your awards, be conscientious of other dignitaries sitting at ringside or working the ring. Avoid walking in front of these people as they watch the show and carry on their responsibilities. Be as discreet as possible when carrying out your duties.

12. When being introduced, please stand up fully/straight, turn toward the audience, smile/wave (raise your hand to at least shoulder height - no hip height waves please) and wave/acknowledge the introduction.

13. Absolutely no touching an animal in the ring while in official dress. This is for your safety!

Pictures/Presentations

Certainly it is obvious that your image is cast in stone" when a picture is taken of a winning animal, its exhibitor and you! Throughout your year you will have many pictures taken in the show ring, at special occasions and at award presentations. Therefore, it is important that the picture be the best that it can be.

For official show pictures, it is the responsibility for the Wisconsin Hereford Queen/Princess to present the award. Some instances will arise when a sponsor would like to present the award, however, the Wisconsin Hereford Queen/princess should always be in the picture. Most often it is best to stand at the tail end or head of the animal so that the animal does not see you. This way you can hold the banner or award so that it is visible for the photo. You should hold the award or banner in front of your mid-section or to your side, depending on the size of the award. With banners and some ribbons, you must be extremely careful not to spook the animal. Keep in mind that you are a pro at this and for those spectators rushing in to be in the photo, they should fit in by the show person or on either side of you. It is important for you to find your spot first and be easily seen in the photo. Wisconsin Hereford Queen/princess should always be holding at least one of the awards. When handing out ribbons to individual classes, state Princess/sweetheart can assist. For division champion and overall champion presentations and pictures, Wisconsin Hereford Queen should always be in the photo. The most flattering stance for any picture is a "present position" with your body turned slightly to an angle (this pose is thinning) with the ribbon, banner or trophy should be held straight toward the camera. Practice your posture in a mirror until you are comfortable with your stance

Education:

Queen/Princess is required to complete the following programs described below. Progress of programs is to be communicated with royalty advisor throughout the year.

First year: Must complete the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Program. Write a minimum of a 4 page research essay on talking points about animal welfare. Learn everything on the Member services tab on Hereford.org and come up with talking points for conversations with producers. Begin to read The Hereford World publication every month.

Second Year: Read The Birth of a Breed. (If you need to borrow a copy ask Nicky for one.) Write a 3 page essay on Certified Hereford beef and what the program does for producers. Learn everything on the genetics tab on Hereford.org and come up with talking points for conversations with producers.

Third Year: Complete the Master of Beef Advocacy Program. Finish checklist of things state royalty should know.(See attached page)

Scrapbook:

Queen/Princess is required to compile a scrapbook or photo book of the year's events that they attended. It is to be brought to the Annual Meeting for the WHA membership to view.

**Any deviation from expected behavior of the Queen/Princes/Sweetheart will result in disqualification from the program. Please keep in mind that you are a representative of the Wisconsin Hereford Association and the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association. Your responsibility is to dress and conduct yourself in a respectful manner. You will be recognized as the Queen/Princess/Sweetheart even when you do not have your banner/tiara on. You are expected to always represent our associations with a sense of pride, dignity, and respect.*

Material State Royalty should be Familiar with...

State and National Hereford Association Officers and Directors
National Hereford Women's Officers and Directors
National Hereford Women
State and National Junior Association Officers and Directors
The Member Service Director, AHA Director, National Director, and the National Junior Director that represent your state or area.
Staff of the American Hereford Association (Main Office)
Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of the National Show for the past two years
Where are the National Shows (there are 6)

Be Able to discuss:

Certified Hereford Beef Program
Performance Records
Whole Herd Reporting
Registering of Animals
Herd Management
Steps for selecting bulls and heifers to place in your herd
Steps for getting an animal ready for show
Parts of a beef animal
Herd synchronization
Embryo transplant
Animal nutrition
Beef cuts of a carcass
How to cook different cuts of beef
Beef Check-Off Program

Suggested reading:

Birth of a Breed by Orville Sweet (For copy ask National Queen Chairman.)
Fact Sheets from the AHA
Hereford World current Herd Book
Hereford World current issues of the magazine
Your state directory

Know: Your Farm/Ranch Blood Lines