

Texas Hereford Queen and Sweetheart Rules and Guidelines

1. The Texas Junior Hereford Association members, age 15-22, who have been members prior to February 1, are eligible to compete for Texas Hereford Queen.
2. The Texas Hereford Queen will be assisted by a Texas Hereford Sweetheart, ages 11-14, which will be chosen in the same manner as the Queen.
3. **An applicant may NOT campaign for Polled Hereford Royalty and Hereford Royalty during the same year, or any other Breed Royalty and will be disqualified from entry in the contest if found to do so.**
4. Queen/Sweetheart Candidates will be selected in the following manner:
 - A. - Interview – 60 points, to be conducted at the state show with a member of each of the judges a a member and representative from;, the Texas Hereford Association, the Texas Hereford Auxiliary, the Texas Junior Hereford Association, a former queen, and the Second Vice President of the Texas Hereford Auxiliary to be the interviewing board. Candidates will be awarded a maximum of **20 points for questions during the interview and 10 points per category during the interview. The four categories will consist of the following:
 1. - Texas Hereford activities, honors, and awards.
 2. - 4-H, FFA, school, church, and community activities.
 3. - Knowledge of Hereford cattle and the beef industry.
 4. - Poise, neatness and appearance, and written and oral communication skills.
 - B. Application/ Questionnaire- 40 points, to be judged at the state show during the interview by each of the judges listed above.
 - C. - Etiquette Course - Each candidate will be required to attend an etiquette course with the Queen Coordinator which will take place at the state show. In addition to candidates taking the course any girl who is within two years of being eligible to run is allowed to attend the etiquette course.
5. - Show Attendance: The Texas Hereford Queen and Sweetheart are **required** to represent the Hereford industry at the following:
 - Texas Junior Hereford State Show
 - Hereford Heritage
 - Fort Worth Heifer Show
 - Fort Worth Steer Show
 - Fort Worth Open Show
 - Texas Hereford Auxiliary Meeting
 - Texas Hereford Annual Meeting and Social
 - Fort Worth Auxiliary Annual Meeting
 - Fort Worth Commercial Heifer Sale

Texas Hereford Royalty shall coordinate their itineraries in order for at least one of our royalty to be present at the Sand Hills Hereford Show in Odessa, and the Houston Junior Heifer and Steer Shows in Houston, Abilene Show, State Fair of Texas Show.

Optional Attendance for the QUEEN ONLY (Sweetheart will not be required to be at any shows

other than Texas Majors) : Junior National Hereford Expo, the National Western in Denver, the American Royal in Kansas City.

*****If you plan to run for National Queen please let the Queen Coordinator know before June 15th, so that we can enter and pay your fee before the deadline**

6. Dress for the Texas Hereford Royalty (both Queen and Sweetheart) shall abide by the following below. Clean boots will be required footwear for all occasions.

Interview and Crowning at State Show: Dress (that is not above fingertip length) or short-sleeved tailored shirt with no jacket, dark wash denim jeans, slacks, or Western cut skirt.

Show Ring: State Show and Warmer Weather: Short-sleeved tailored shirt with no jacket, dark wash denim jeans and leather banner with a Western style hat with hat crown or tiara on hat.

Show Ring Cold Weather and ALL Fort Worth Activities: Non-denim colored pants (Black and Khaki preferred), tailored shirt, jacket/blazer, leather banner, hat and hat crown. (purchase of hat is the responsibility of the Queen/ Sweetheart, hat crown will be provided by the Queen Coordinator and is on loan and must be returned at the end of her reign.)

Outside Functions: Non-denim colored pants, jacket, tiara and banner or other appropriate attire for dressy functions can be worn with approval or follow dress code for appropriate seasons

Any combined Horned and Polled show (National Expo, Denver, Kansas City, etc.): dress code will follow that set at the National level. Information for dress at these functions may be obtained from the AHA National Queen Coordinator.

Absolutely NO spaghetti straps, tube tops, or off-the-shoulder style tops allowed no distressed, light washed or cut up jeans. Appropriate attire should be selected as the Royalty represents the Hereford breed and themselves.

7. The Texas Hereford Queen and Sweetheart will be an ambassador for the Hereford cattle and the beef industry, and should provide interviews with the media at the major shows whenever they can be scheduled for her. Please be well versed on Hereford history and our association(s) leaders, mission and events so that you can speak on those with confidence if asked.

8. The Queen and Sweetheart are required to send their itinerary to the Texas Hereford Auxiliary 2nd Vice President by September 1st. National Expo plans will be made with the Auxiliary Queen Coordinator at the State Show. Any changes to her plans must be made 10 days prior to the show. Final approval of extenuating circumstances will be made by the Queen Committee consisting of the 2nd Vice President and two other directors, appointed by the President.

9. The Queen will need to plan a Queen's Tea for the State Show. The theme can go along with the State Show theme or you can choose a more elegant theme. The Queen's Tea is a way for

the younger girls to come and socialize with the Queen, Sweetheart and other female Junior members. You will need to provide a light snack, drinks, decorations, and activity for the duration of the Queen's Tea. Please see Queen's Tea Overview for suggestions for the event agenda.

10. Failure to follow the contract rules the girl and her parents sign may result in her forfeiting her title and all awards and monies received for that title. In this instance that a Texas Hereford Queen cannot continue her duties, the Sweetheart would assume duties and role of the Texas Hereford Queen. The Texas Hereford Queen will receive \$400 and the Sweetheart \$200, as well as additional prizes and awards, from the Texas Hereford Auxiliary.

Texas Hereford Queen's Tea

The Texas Hereford Queen's Tea is an annual event each June held during the Texas Hereford State Show. The goal of the Queen's Tea is to honor all current, past, and present Texas Hereford and Texas Polled Hereford Royalty as well as all young ladies in attendance. The first Texas Hereford Queen's Tea was held by Bethany Nolan in Belton, Texas in June of 2010 and has been an event each year since.

This event will be held at a date and time determined by the Texas Hereford State Show Committees comprised of both adult and junior advisors and is usually held on Friday afternoon on the calendar of events.

The Texas Hereford State Queen and her guardians are in charge of this Queen's Tea with assistance of the Texas Hereford Auxiliary as needed. The Texas Hereford Queen will coordinate the location of the tea at the Texas Hereford State Show either on the grounds or at a hotel in walking distance to the show grounds, decorations (tablecloths), food served along with plates and utensils, drinks, speakers at the event, as well as any activities/crafts held in conjunction with this event. The Texas Hereford Queen will turn in all plans for her Queen's Tea to the Texas Hereford Auxiliary Committee Head by _____ of each year, before the Texas Hereford State Show. They must also publish the date and time of the Queen's Tea to the Texas Hereford State Show Committee by their deadline date of _____ and the Texas Hereford Magazine in invitation format to be published for the magazine in May and June (please get dates for publication deadlines from the Texas Hereford Association Executive Secretary). The Texas Hereford Queen's Tea is usually two hours in length.

The Texas Hereford Queen will be reimbursed for her expenses with the total not to exceed \$_____ when and if all receipts are given to the Texas Hereford Queen Committee head.

Dress for the Queen's Tea for all Texas Hereford Royalty is an summer dress that follows the guidelines and rules of the Texas Hereford Queen and Sweetheart Handbook. The Texas Hereford Queen and Texas Hereford Sweetheart do not have to wear a cowboy hat with the tiara at this event and may choose to wear their tiara alone instead.

All young ladies in attendance are encouraged to wear a dress on the invitation, but it is not mandatory. Please see sample Texas Hereford Queen's Tea Itinerary on the following page.

Texas Hereford Queen Committee
Texas Hereford Auxiliary
2023-2024

Texas Hereford Queen's Tea Itinerary

Texas Hereford State Show

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Welcome: Texas Hereford Queen

Introduction of all royalty and guest: Texas Hereford Queen

Texas Hereford Auxiliary: What is the Texas Hereford Auxiliary and invitation to join association

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Texas Hereford Queen

Guest Speaker: This is usually an etiquette lesson or speaker of your choice

Craft or Game Activity: Explanation by the Texas Hereford Queen and/or Texas Hereford Sweetheart

Tea: Food and Fellowship

Thank you: Texas Hereford Queen to those in attendance

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.

State Royalty Assistance

Combined shows: (Polled and Horned) These events have a large contingency of state royalty; please rotate who presents what so each queen/princess has the opportunity to participate.

When in doubt as to procedures, please ask the Queen Coordinator for assistance.

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.

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 Texas Hereford Queen to present the award. Some instances will arise when a sponsor would like to present the award, however, the Texas Hereford Queen 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. Texas Hereford Queen should always be holding at least one of the awards.

When handing out ribbons to individual classes, state queens/sweetheart can assist. For division champion and overall champion presentations and pictures, Texas 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.