

## Iowa Hereford Queen Rules and Qualifications

### Qualifications:

1. Contestants must be at least 16 years old and not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the year she will be crowned the Hereford Queen.
2. Must be single, never married, no children.
3. Must be a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association and yearly dues up to date by May 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
4. Must be a daughter or granddaughter of an active Iowa Hereford Breeders Association (IHBA). Yearly dues must be paid to the IHBA treasurer.
5. May serve as Iowa Hereford Queen more than one year, as long as she is not serving as princess or queen for another breed and has not reached her 22nd Birthday. If the Queen decides to serve another year it needs to be approved through State Queen Coordinator by December 1 of the current year serving.

### Rules:

1. Must be willing to attend Iowa Hereford Breeders Association and Iowa Junior Hereford Association activities.
2. The members of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association and the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association encourage you to wear the official dress as explained in the National Hereford Queen Dress Code. Due to the extreme cold in Iowa it is permissible to wear blue jeans (without holes or fading) or dress pants to the winter events (Iowa Beef Expo) with a nice blouse/sweater with a blazer and/or nice winter coat. If you are showing at an event that you are also attending as Queen, it is preferred that you wear a nice blouse with jeans, but if time does not allow for you to change, please have a shirt to place over your T-shirt if applicable, otherwise show outfit will be acceptable.
3. Must be accompanied by one of your parents, grandparents or an adult over 21 at all Hereford Activities. (Your boyfriend is not a chaperone!)
4. All royalty will not consume alcohol, use tobacco or drugs, or use obscene language while serving in any official capacity as queen or princess for the duration of any events they attend. That includes shows, sales, etc. for the entirety of the event even when not in sash and tiara during their year of reign.
5. If you have any questions, please contact the State Queen Coordinator.

Note: at the end of the term the retiring Queen will receive a white satin sash to keep, and her tiara and belt buckle is hers to keep as well.

## **Iowa Hereford Queen Duties**

If you are crowned Iowa Queen you then have the opportunity to run for National Queen, for which you can run two years. For more information on the national queen visit:  
<https://www.herefordwomen.com/national-queen>

Duties of the Iowa Queen Include:

1. Attend Coronation at the Junior Preview Show.
2. Handing out ribbons and awards at the Junior Preview Show, and be in pictures.
3. Try to serve on the junior board and hopefully become active in events.
4. It is preferred that you attend the Junior National show where you partake in Queen Activities (this requires official Dress) and run for National Hereford Queen, first process of application is due the middle of June, the Queen Coordinator will help with.
5. Attend the Iowa Open Hereford Show, Iowa Hereford Futurity Steer Show, if available attend 4-H Hereford Breeding Show during the IA State Fair, where you will hand out ribbons, awards and be in pictures. Dress attire: Iowa Hereford Steer Show, jeans and nice top; Iowa Open Hereford Show, Official wear – skirt, boots, and nice top.
6. Attend the Iowa Hereford Tour, dress in jeans and nice top.
7. Optional but encouraged: Run for National Queen at the American Royal in October and application is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be responsible for getting a sponsor for your \$100 fee. Prefer a Hereford breeder not related to you.
8. Attend the Iowa Beef Expo in February, be present at the Banquet and Sale.
9. Take lots of pictures with winners, exhibitors and enjoy your experience getting to know breeders and enthusiasts from around the country and have fun!!