



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual IHC Queen Contest Official Application Packet

The Indiana Horse Council is proud to introduce its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Queen Contest! This program is one of many the organization has to offer at the 2017 Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™. We are seeking a highly motivated horsewoman between the ages of 18-25 to represent the Indiana Horse Council in 2017. Our Queen will be crowned on the afternoon of Friday, March 31, 2017 as we kick off the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™. Her initial appearance of the year, the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™, will require her presence March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Our Queen will make several appearances at equine-related events and activities throughout the year to promote, not only the Indiana Horse Council, but the *horse*.

Our ideal representative is actively involved in the horse industry with a desire to learn and grow. Women between the ages of 18-25 are eligible. Other rules apply (attached). The program is designed to raise awareness of the Indiana Horse Council and its efforts within the equine industry. We need an outgoing, enthusiastic young horsewoman to be the face of our organization throughout the year!

Following interview, written test, and horsemanship judging, ten candidates will be selected to attend on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, where we will crown the 2017 IHC queen and her court of three (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up, Miss Congeniality) at the Hoosier Horse Fair and Expo™. These contestants will participate alongside our Queen at the 2017 Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™. The court will support our queen and the mission of the program. An extensive itinerary and several duties will keep our four finalists busy throughout the event.

Get your application in today and tell all of your friends! This program is not only designed for the IHC; it is intended to build, inspire, encourage and help young women succeed in the equine industry. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Please contact Jessica Harmeyer at [jpeters841@gmail.com](mailto:jpeters841@gmail.com) or 812.530.9185 with questions!



## 2017 Official Contest Rules

1. Candidate must be 18 – 25 years of age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017).
2. Candidate must not be married, divorced, pregnant, or a parent.
3. Candidate must be a member of the Indiana Horse Council.
  - If you are not currently a member, please send an additional \$50 with a membership application. Form can be found at [www.indianahorsecouncil.org](http://www.indianahorsecouncil.org).
4. Candidate must be a resident of Indiana.
5. Candidate will be officially entered only after receiving a completed entry packet.
6. A completed entry packet must include the following items and must be postmarked or sent electronically no later than Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
  - Completed Application – Go to the IHC website for a Word doc or PDF application
  - Signed agreement of the 2017 Official Contest Rules (Page 1-3)
  - Signed Liability Form (Page 4)
  - Application Fee (\$25) - Check made payable to the Indiana Horse Council
  - 5x7 (or larger) color photo \*Must be headshot! We will NOT give these back.
7. Candidate must currently own, lease or have access to a reliable, sound horse for the horsemanship component.
8. Candidate will represent the Indiana Horse Council at the 2017 Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo<sup>TM</sup>; March 31<sup>st</sup> -April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
9. Candidate must be willing and able to commit to a *minimum* of five (5) appearances throughout the year. At each event, the queen will represent the IHC by participating in activities, volunteering, and educating fellow equine enthusiasts about our organization. Queen will have choice of two (2) events from an approved list. Mandatory events listed below. The Queen and her court will work out who will attend each of the listed events, schedules permitting.
  - \*Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo<sup>TM</sup>: Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
  - \*Volunteer Banquet: TBD- In early May 2017 (Sat)
  - Youth Day at Indiana Downs-Date TBD- In June (Sat)
  - Traders Pointe Show: Annual IHC Event: TBD- In early August (Tue-Sun) You choose your days
  - \*Indiana State Fair, during the horse show days: TBD- August
  - \*Oktoberfest presented by the IHC, TBD- Possibly October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Fri-Sun)
  - \*IHC Annual Meeting: TBD- In January 2018 (Sun)

\*Mandatory events subject to change.

\*Additional events may include, but are not limited to: IQHA Youth Show, Indiana State Fair, Club shows, major breed shows, Indiana QH/Thoroughbred Racing, county fairs, etc.

10. Candidate is responsible for providing her own wardrobe. Appearance is important, as the queen will serve as an ambassador of the Indiana Horse Council. The Queen will get a stipend to offset her costs. Stipend will be discussed after crowning.
11. There are three components of the contest including:
  - Oral Interview (40%) – Minimum of 3 Judges
  - Written Test (40%) – Test will cover general equine & Indiana Horse Council knowledge
  - Horsemanship (20%) – Minimum of 2 Judges to divide their scores between pattern and rail work
    - *The participant is the only one allowed to warm up, ride, and prepare their horse for the show that day.*

\*\*\*Judges' decisions are final. \*\*\*
12. A zero tolerance policy applies to the following:
  - Illegal behavior including drug use, underage alcohol consumption, etc.
  - Smoking – not permitted during any appearance
  - Behavior that is detrimental to the IHC or IHC Queen program
  - Unresponsiveness to the Queen Contest Coordinator
  - Disrespectful behavior
  - Clothing that is indecent or inappropriate as set forth in wardrobe guidelines
  - Lack of participation from the Queen and the Court
  - Conviction of crime
13. Finalists must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times, exhibiting high moral conduct and willingness to engage and promote the Indiana Horse Council.
14. If contestant is selected as Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up, or Miss Congeniality and she is unable to fulfill her duties in that role, all awards and prizes must be returned to the Indiana Horse Council. No refunds will be given for application or membership fees.
15. The IHC wants to show support in the community and at our sponsored functions. To do so in the best way, we want the Queen to have the support from her court when she attends functions. *When the Queen attends an event she is to be accompanied by at least one of the individuals from the court.*
16. By participating in this contest, you allow the Indiana Horse Council the right to take photographs of yourself and/or your family in connection with the above-identified event. The IHC may use such photographs with or without your name for any lawful purpose including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

I have read, fully understand, and agree to the terms of the above contest rules. My signature (or legal guardian) below indicates my authorization of these terms and conditions.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™

## LIABILITY WAIVER

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Involved in at HHF & E™: IHC Queen Contest

### RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

As a condition of participating in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™, each contestant or participant agrees that the Indiana Horse Council, its Board of Directors, officers, employees, agents, Veterinary and volunteers working on behalf of the Indiana Horse Council are not responsible for any injury to the contestant or damage to property belonging to or used by the contestant/participant involved in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™. Each contestant/participant agrees to be responsible for all damages or injuries that occur to the contestant/participant or any property or animal owned or used by the contestant/participant and to hold harmless the Indiana Horse Council for such injuries or damages. The contestant/participant acknowledges that participating in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™ involves significant danger and risk of injury or death to person and on behalf of contestant/participant personal representatives, heirs, spouse, and next of kin, agrees and understands, as a condition of participating in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™, to hold harmless the Indiana Horse Council, for any and all injuries or damages to the contestant/participant or any property or any animal owned or used by the contestant/participant, and agrees to personally assume all responsibility for any and all injuries or damages that may occur as a result of participating in this event.

The contestant/participant agrees to provide promotional information for marketing use.

The contestant/participant further agrees that any expenses or attorney fees incurred by the Indiana Horse Council for a breach of this agreement shall be paid by the contestant/participant. The contestant/participant voluntarily accepts all risks associated with participating in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo™ and again waives all liability of the Indiana Horse Council and agrees to hold harmless the Indiana Horse Council for all injuries to the contestant/participant person or property owned or used by the contestant/participant. The contestant/participant agrees that any cause of action arising from participation in the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo or any cause of action pertaining to this agreement shall be filed in the County and State in which it was entered into by the parties, to wit, Marion County, Indiana.

Must be signed by all team members/contestant/participant before competition.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_