

2011 NEPtHA Queen's Competition Rules

1. Contestant must be single, never married and never borne a child.
2. She must be a member in good standing of both NEPtHA and PtHA throughout 2 shows seasons, the contest and her reign.
3. Queen Contestants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 as of **January 1, 2010**.
4. Queen contestants must submit an original photo (4X6) and essay (approximately 275 words about yourself), along with application to the Queen's committee by April 15th, 2010. Club members will vote on **Photogenic** and **Personality** based on the photo and essay. These will be on display at every show and on the website for our members to view.
5. Contestants must make arrangements for a mount to be used for the Queen's **English Equitation** and **Western Horsemanship** patterns. Contestants do not need to own the horse, but it must be a registered colored pinto (no breeding stocks). A different horse may be used for each pattern. Contestants are not allowed to share mounts.
6. A **Horse Knowledge Test** will be conducted based on the PtHA rules, NEPtHA rules and general horse knowledge.
7. A **Personal Interview** will be conducted, where contestants will be asked a few questions in front of a panel of impartial judges.
8. We will be conducting **Speeches**, where contestants will be presented and asked one question, and the club members will vote based on your answer.
9. Contestants will be judged on **Appearance** at all times by secret judges, and club members will vote on appearance at the Speeches. You will be wearing sashes that you make to identify yourself as a Queen Contestant (details will be in your packet).
10. Contestants must conduct themselves in a manner befitting the title of Miss NEPtHA. You are a role model for younger members. As a Queen Contestant, or Queen, the consumption of alcohol and/or tobacco products is strictly prohibited in public and may be grounds for dismissal, at the discretion of the Queen's committee chairperson.
11. The Queen may enter, free of charge, all applicable Equitation classes at the NEPtHA show during her reign. (Exception: if she's paying an all day fee).
12. Once crowned Queen, responsibilities include, but are not limited to: helping distribute walk trot & lead line awards, futurity awards and banquet awards, dressed appropriately with sash and tiara, and assisting with Queen fundraisers. The Queen must also attend the Equine Affaire in West Springfield, MA in November at some point during the 4 days.
13. The reign of Miss New England Pinto Queen will be 1 year (September to September). At the completion of the Queen's reign, she must return the crown and sash to the Queen's Committee. She will not remain crowned past the 1 year reign without having run for the crown or having express approval by the Queens Committee to remain crowned if there have been no other contestants. Once crowned Queen that September, you must be a member of NEPtHA by the upcoming calendar year January 1st. Or you forfeit your reign/title, due to the fact that all NEPtHA memberships expire on December 31st.
14. If there are no contestants for Queen and the contest has already run, a suitable contestant(s) may approach the Queen's Committee for hardship nomination of the position. If the committee feels that the contestant would fairly and appropriately represent the club the committee may recommend their coronation to the Executive Board for approval.

Scoring and Awards

1. Each category will be judged and scored individually. The categories are: English Equitation - Western Horsemanship - Horse Knowledge Personal Interview - Personality – Photogenic - Speeches - Appearance
2. Contestants will be placed as follows: **Miss New England Pinto Queen**, First Runner –Up Second Runner- Up Third Runner Up
3. The 2011 New England Pinto Queen will be crowned at our September show and will reign for 1 year (September to September).
4. Each contestant will receive a score sheet.

2011 Royalty Application

All applications must be submitted with a photo of contestant and a 250 word essay introducing the contestant and explaining their reasons for running for a royalty position.

Name: _____

Age (as of January 1, 2010): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Tel #: _____

PtHA #: _____ NEPtHA #: _____

Are you running for:

Queen _____ Princess _____ Sweetheart _____

Please sign below after thoroughly reading and understanding all of the contest rules.

Contestant signature: _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____

Please mail application, ORIGINAL photo and essay to:
New England Pinto Queen's Committee
8 Cannon Rock Road, Lynn, MA 01904

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN May 1st, 2010