

2011 NEPtHA Sweetheart Competition Rules

1. She must be a member in good standing of both NEPtHA and PtHA.
2. Sweetheart Contestants must be 10 years old or under as of **January 1, 2010**.
3. Sweetheart contestants must submit an original photo (4X6) and essay (approximately 125 words about yourself), along with application to the Queen's Committee by April 15th, 2008. 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.
4. Contestants must make arrangements for a mount to be used for the Sweetheart **Equitation** pattern, which will be a walk-trot pattern. Lead-liners may participate, but must trot and complete the same pattern. It can be ridden English or Western. Contestants do not need to own the horse, but it must be a registered colored pinto (no breeding stocks). Contestants are not allowed to share mounts.
5. A **Horse Knowledge Test** will be conducted based on simple terms from the PtHA rulebook and basic horse knowledge questions.
6. A **Personal Interview** will be conducted, where contestants will be asked a few questions in front of a panel of impartial judges.
7. We will be conducting **Speeches**, where contestants will be presented and asked one question, and the club members will vote based on your answer.
8. 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 Sweetheart Contestant (details will be in your packet).
9. Contestants must conduct themselves in a manner befitting the title of Miss NEPtHA Sweetheart. You are a role model for younger members.
10. The Sweetheart 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).
11. Once crowned Sweetheart, 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 Sweetheart is encouraged to attend the Equine Affaire in West Springfield, MA in November at some point during the 4 days.
12. The reign of NEPtHA Sweetheart is for 1 year (September to September). At the completion of the Sweetheart's reign, she must return the crown to the Queen's Committee. She will not remain crowned past the 1 year reign with out having run for the title of NEPtHA Sweetheart or having express approval by 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:
Equitation - Horse Knowledge
Personal Interview - Personality – Photogenic - Speeches - Appearance
2. Contestants will be placed as follows:
Miss New England Pinto Sweetheart
First Runner –Up
Second Runner- Up
Third Runner Up
3. Once crowned, The New England Pinto Sweetheart 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