

## OFFICIAL STATE QUEEN OUTFIT GUIDELINES FOR THE JUNIOR NATIONAL HEREFORD EXPO

The Junior National Hereford Expo, (JNHE), is an opportunity to experience your “queen role” before the national competition. You will be serving as an ambassador for your state. The setting is more casual at the JNHE. It is a great opportunity to meet the other juniors as well as state queens, but at the same time, you have the responsibility to behave and dress in a manner that will make your state proud that they chose you to represent them. Please follow the following outfit guidelines, or you will not be allowed in the ring as queen.

- \* SKIRT - full, pleated, gathered, gored, A-line. Choose a style that is flattering to your figure in the longer lengths. **No straight skirts or skirts with slits.** These types of skirts make it challenging to walk with long strides or walk quickly when leading in classes. Solid colored skirts are preferred. **NO white, cream, tan, beige, or denim. No shear fabric, (see through), no tulle or fringe, (this includes straight fringe skirts), no sequins.** When working the ring, solid color skirts should be worn. It is strongly encouraged to wear spandex under your skirts!
- \* SKIRT LENGTH - Your skirt must cover the top of the boot by at least one inch. If taller boots are worn, the skirt should come to mid-calf in length. Your skirt should NOT drag on the ground. It should be at least 2 inches from the ground. Be sure to check this measurement.
- \* Cowboy boots or ropers are recommended. Boots must be free of dirt and dust at the beginning of each day.
- \*Blouses or tops - prints or plain fabrics are best. Nothing low cut which shows cleavage. It must have cap or longer sleeves. **No see-through fabric. No lace, sequins, or rhinestones will be allowed. No white, cream, tan, beige or denim.**
- \* Vests - if coordinates with skirt and top, it is acceptable.
- \* Blazer - **No white, cream, tan, beige or denim.** When worn in the summer, sleeves must be up to three quarters in length.
- \* Gloves - only worn in the winter.
- \* TIARA - must be worn with state banner with official outfit. (A tiara is a jeweled ornamental band worn on the front of the head. NOT A FULL CIRCLE)! If a crown is worn, you will NOT be allowed in the ring. **ONLY THE NATIONAL HEREFORD QUEEN WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEAR A CROWN.**
- \* Hats are not to be worn

\*Accessories - a small amount of studding is acceptable on clothing. **No sequins.** Conservative and modest should be the rule on jewelry. Your jewelry should compliment, not overpower or conflict with your tiara. Studs or small earrings are preferable. Modest necklaces are recommended.

\* Clothing colors - **NO white, cream, tan, beige, pastel colors or denim** may be worn. No sequins. White and cream are reserved for the National Hereford Queen.

\* Barn wear - Keep in mind that you are representing your state. Your responsibility is to dress and conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all times.

-Dress in the barn and other activities should be proper and appropriate.

-If shorts are worn, they should be no shorter than fingertip length above the knee. Absolutely NO tight shorts!

-No tank tops, tube tops, or spaghetti straps. No off the shoulder style tops, belly shirts or exposed midriffs and cleavage.

\*Certain events and activities at the Junior National Hereford Expo will be designated as "**Official Queen Dress**" events. State queens shall be attired in their official summer queen outfits for those events and activities.

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