**OSBA Queen Competition Rules**

1. Candidate must be between 17 – 24 years old on January 1st of the year competing, must not have been married or pregnant.
2. Candidate must own and show an IBHA registered horse; Y.A. requirements prevail for Y.A. candidates.
3. Candidate must be a member in good standing of OSBA for sixty days prior to running for queen, and a member of IBHA by January 31st of the year competing in the national contest held at the World Show.
4. Candidate must be able to attend the IBHA World Show and be able to carry out the Queen’s duties at the national level as requested.
5. Candidate must complete a horsemanship ride and interview, to be held the second day of the last OSBA show of the year.
6. Judging on the local level is to be based 50% on horsemanship and 50% personality/appearance/congeniality by a panel of two non-OSBA members and one OSBA director. Competition to run for one day only; tie-breaker is the personality score.
7. Dress requirements for the horsemanship ride are blue jeans and a white shirt, western boots, western hat.
8. Results of the OSBA queen competition shall be announced the same day as the competition, and formal coronation shall take place at the year-end awards banquet.
9. Please see the IBHA Queen Contest Rules for national guidelines.

***For more information regarding the queen contest, please contact:***

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**OSBA Queen Expectations**

1. The OSBA Queen shall be present at the IBHA National Convention, which is held in March. OSBA will fund the queen’s ticket and hotel room for the event, but she will be responsible for all other expenses. Those accompanying the queen will be responsible for their own ticket and expenses.
2. The OSBA Queen is expected to help run the booth at the All-American Youth Horse Show, Equine Affaire, and any other event OSBA may have a presence at. She will wear her tiara and sash, representing OSBA in both appearance and in a professional and courteous manner.
3. The OSBA Queen shall present awards at OSBA shows during the year of her reign. She will also work with the OSBA Youth Team and help with various OSBA functions, including but not limited to presenting special awards, high point awards at the Red, White, & Buckskin show, and futurity awards in the fall (if applicable). The queen shall also be present at the OSBA banquet when she is crowned and also at the next year’s banquet, when she will help present awards, return her crown and sash, and crown the next queen.
4. OSBA will fund the queen’s ticket to the Exhibitor’s Party and Queen’s Ball at the IBHA World Show and shall also furnish a tiara and sash for the queen’s use during the competing year. The queen must submit an IBHA World Show entry form (even if she is not bringing a horse) to order Exhibitor’s Party and Queen’s Ball tickets before IBHA’s deadline; OSBA will not pay late fees or post-deadline rates.
5. If the OSBA queen is unable to attend the national contest, a letter of cause must be sent to the OSBA secretary at least 45 days prior to the national contest, at which time the secretary must send a letter of cause to the IBHA Queen Chairperson 30 days prior to the national contest with a request to have the 1st runner-up compete at the national level.
6. Unless previously stated, the OSBA queen will be responsible for all expenses incurred. She is encouraged to solicit sponsors and conduct fundraisers – one traditional fundraiser is a t-shirt promoting the Red, White, & Buckskin circuit to be sold at the show.

**IN SUMMARY:**

* **OSBA will be responsible for the OSBA Queen’s tickets for the National Convention and Exhibitor’s Party & Queen’s Ball tickets at the IBHA World Show.**
* **The OSBA Queen will be responsible for all other expenses, unless previously stated. Requests for reimbursement must be approved by the OSBA Board of Directors.**