

Ontario Quarter Horse Association Inc.

2024 ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION OQHA QUEEN CONTRACT

This three (3) page document is the only official agreement between the Ontario Quarter Horse Association herein referred to as 'OQHA' and the Ontario Quarter Horse Association OQHA Queen herein referred to as the 'OQHA Queen'. All changes to this agreement must be approved in writing between the OQHA Queen and the OQHA Board of Directors.

The OQHA Queen must be a current member in good standing of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association and The American Quarter Horse Association one year prior to entering the OQHA Queen Contest. She must also be a current resident of Ontario. The OQHA Queen must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age as of January 1st of the current year and not married, divorced or a parent.

An entry fee of \$50.00 due at the time of application will be submitted by each contestant for the cost of registration, made payable to The Ontario Quarter Horse Association. The application is to include:

- A current copy of the candidate's resume
- An up to 500 word letter of intent summarizing the candidate's experience and interest in the title
- A high resolution professional colour photo
- The OQHA Queen Contract and release from signed by the contestant

Applications are to be completed in full and emailed to Darcy Woods (darcyannewoods@gmail.com), Chair of the OQHA Queen Committee by February 29th, 2024.

All Contestants will partake in a written test (knowledge of the OQHA By-laws and Constitution and the current AQHA rule book). An oral interview conducted by a panel of judges, which will elaborate on the candidates' application. Poise and personality will also be considered; and finally, a Horsemanship pattern which is to be filmed and included with their application. The contestant does not have to ride her own horse but must ride a registered Quarter Horse. A pattern will be posted on www.oqha.on.ca in advance.

The scores shall be calculated as follows: 50% oral interview, 30% written test and 20% horsemanship pattern. The Candidate with the highest overall percentage score will be crowned the OQHA Queen winner.

The OQHA Queen will wear her OQHA sash, crown (property of OQHA) and appropriate attire to all events in Ontario and abroad. Should the OQHA Queen become The Congress OQHA Queen, she will wear the Congress sash and crown. At the end of her reign, the OQHA Queen must pass her OQHA crown over to the new OQHA Queen at the banquet in which she must attend. An OQHA Queen can only represent the OQHA as OQHA Queen for a maximum of three years.

The OQHA Queen must be willing to represent OQHA at as many OQHA sanctioned events as possible including at least one appearance in each area of Ontario (Area 1, 2, 3 and 5). Mandatory attendances will be the OQHA Level 1 Show, The Ontario Quarter Horse Summer Finale and at the OQHA Banquet and Awards dinner. She must be willing to represent OQHA as The OQHA Queen at The All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest in Columbus, Ohio in September/October and adhere to The Congress Queen Rules and eligibility requirements. All

candidates must uphold their title with respect, honor, grace, integrity and dignity. Candidates will not involve themselves in any activities that bring dishonor to the title, contest, queen committee or fellow candidates. If asked to remove or edit items/pictures/comments included on one's social media presence in conflict with the standards set forth by the Queen Committee, candidates will comply and do so immediately. Candidates are not to consume alcoholic beverages, smoke, and/or use any form of tobacco/cannabis while on official business associated with the Queen Contest. Additionally, no profanity or illegal drug usage will be tolerated. Candidates will follow all state and provincial health directives related to the COVID-19 pandemic at all times.

It is the responsibility of The OQHA Queen to ensure that she has a suitable mount for The Congress Queen Horsemanship competition and the final decision must be approved by the Queen Committee by July 1st the year of her reign. This will only be changed due to unforeseen circumstances and must be approved.

All events inviting The OQHA Queen to their functions are responsible for seeing that she is treated in a respectable fashion, ensuring that she has suitable lodging and accommodations if needed. Expenses for these functions are to be decided upon between The OQHA Queen and the representatives of the function she is attending. The OQHA Queen will report her planned appearances to The OQHA Queen Committee well in advance of the function which need to be approved by the board. The OQHA Queen will ensure that any function that hosts her is properly thanked for their hospitality with a written thank you card. Candidates will also be asked to bring a small gift to share and exchange with each candidate in the Congress competition.

The OQHA will not be responsible for any expenses related to these functions. However, The OQHA will provide The OQHA Queen with a complimentary ticket to The OQHA Banquet and Awards dinner and pay for the OQHA Queen's entry fee for The Congress Queen Contest.

The candidate will prepare a professional sponsorship picture card to give to each vendor at The Congress which needs to be approved by the Queen Committee.

The OQHA Queen will prepare and keep track of all sponsorships/expenses electronically. The OQHA Queen is responsible for obtaining her own sponsors; all sponsors obtained are first and foremost then considered sponsors of The Ontario Quarter Horse Association, for OQHA is the company for whom The OQHA Queen represents.

The OQHA Queen's expenses will be reimbursed by OQHA up to the total amount of sponsorship monies received from The OQHA Queen and her designated sponsors. The OQHA will match The OQHA Queen's submitted sponsorship monies (dollar for dollar) **up to** \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) with proof of expenses at the discretion/review of the board of directors.

The OQHA Queen will ensure that she will wherever possible endorse or use the services of her OQHA Queen Contest Sponsors. She will also ensure that these contest sponsors are properly thanked with thank you cards within one (1) months' time of completion of the Congress contest.

The OQHA Queen will not be permitted to show in any classes at The Congress prior to the crowning of The Congress Queen, with the exception of youth team tournament classes. She will abide by all of the official rules of The All American Quarter Horse Queen Contest.

If for any reason The OQHA Queen is unable to complete or abide by any of these above terms she must immediately report her conflict or situation to the Chair of the OQHA Queen Committee, who will then report to The OQHA Board of Directors, and as such it will then be determined by The OQHA Board of Directors if The OQHA Queen will be allowed to continue her reign as The Ontario Quarter Horse Association OQHA Queen. The OQHA Board of Directors reserves the right to request that all gifts and sponsorship funds bestowed to The OQHA Queen be returned to the Association, should her reign be terminated.

All official OQHA Queen; messages, general membership addresses, advertisements, sponsorship cards and documents including her official entry forms for The All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen Contest must be first approved by The OQHA Queen Committee Chair at least two weeks before they are to be submitted or published.

The OQHA Queen must sign the following RELEASE FORM

RELEASE FORM – 2024 ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION QUEEN

I hereby certify that I release the current OQHA Queen Committee and The Ontario Quarter Horse Association (OQHA) from all responsibility of injury and/or loss to person or property, involving myself or persons related to my appearance in The Congress OQHA Queen Contest and/or any related events or functions, which I attend as OQHA Queen. I hereby certify that I have read and comprehend the above terms and conditions of my reign as the 2024 Ontario Quarter Horse Association OQHA Queen.

OQHA Queen’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____

If under the age of 19, approved and attested by:

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date: _____ (This person may not be the same as the witness)

OQHA QUEEN NAME: _____

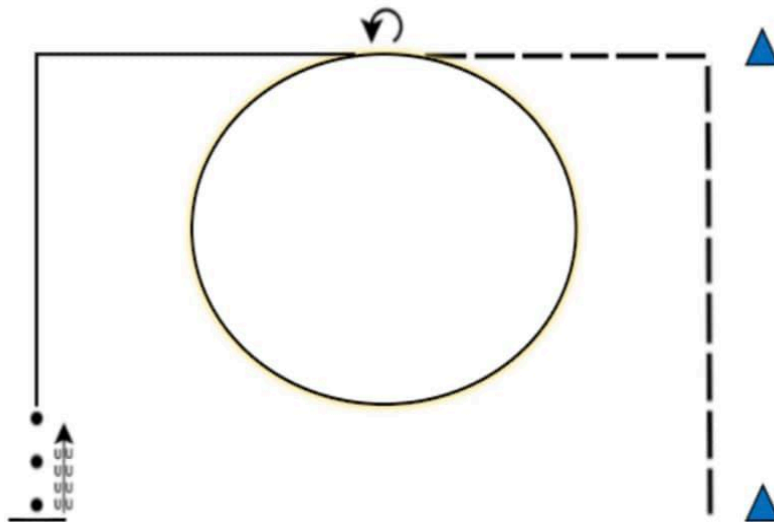
ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please print and sign three (3) copies of this contract. Two to be forwarded to the OQHA Queen Committee Chairperson, where one will be included in the records of the committee, and the other in the official records of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association. The third copy is to be kept for your own records and reference.

Ontario Quarter Horse Queen Contest Pattern 2024



Be ready at the marker.

1. Extended jog to the second marker, perform a square corner and stop in the center of the arena.
 2. Perform a 360 degree turn to the left.
 3. Lope a circle to the left.
 4. Lope a square corner to the left.
 5. Continue to lope a straight line.
 6. Break to the walk.
 7. Stop and back.
- Pattern is complete. Exit at a jog.

Please keep in mind that the visual representation of this pattern is solely meant for a general depiction. Exhibitors are encouraged to make the most of the arena space to effectively showcase their horse.

Walk
Jog	-----
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	—————
Lope w/speed	—————
Back	←←←←←
Marker	▲
Lead Change	↔
Judge	J