**Rules and Regulations**

Rules for the Nebraska Angus Queen

1. Female applicant must be at least 16 years of age and not have passed her 21st birthday by December 31at 11:59 P.M. of pervious year.
2. Parents or guardians must be current members of the Nebraska Angus Association.
3. Female applicant must reside in Nebraska.
4. Female applicant must not be married.
5. Female applicant may only serve one year as Nebraska Angus Queen unless there are no other candidates the following year.
6. Applications are due by October 15th to Kourtney Tarnick Chair of the Queen Committee at [k\_nelson\_07@hotmail.com](mailto:k_nelson_07@hotmail.com). The Queen contest will be held at 10:00 AM December 2nd with crowning that evening at the Nebraska Angus Association Banquet in Kearney at the Younes Convention Center.

Requirements of the Nebraska Angus Queen

1. Official duties will begin at the Nebraska Junior Angus Winter Show.
2. Attendance at the following shows to hand out ribbons, awards, to assist with tasks needed, and represent the Angus breed.
3. Nebraska Junior Angus Winter Show
4. Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Open Show
5. Nebraska Junior Angus State Show
6. Nebraska Angus Tour
7. Nebraska State Fair – Open Class Angus Show
8. Nebraska Husker Harvest Days (one day appearance)
9. Nebraska Angus Association Annual Banquet
10. Notify the Nebraska Angus Auxiliary President if you are attending any additional shows/events.
11. In the instance you are absolutely unable to attend a required event please contact Margo Lehn, Nebraska Angus Association Secretary/Manager prior to the event.

Suggested Attendance of the Nebraska Angus Queen

1. Attendance at the following shows to hand out ribbons, awards, to assist with tasks needed, and to represent Nebraska Angus.
2. National Western Stock Show
3. National Junior Angus Show
4. Nebraska Angus Association member production sales.
5. Occasionally you may be invited to attend a Private Production Sale or event. If your schedule permits, accept the invitation. When you are invited to any other event please acknowledge the invitation. For sales refer to the show ring dress code and wear your tiara and banner. A written thank you after the sale or event is a good gesture of appreciation.
6. If you are not specifically invited to a member’s sale, Nebraska Angus Association members always welcome attendance of those representing the Angus breed.
7. If you are in attendance at other major Angus events and want to assist it is advised to inquire before the event to see if your help is allowed. Most of the time help from the national and state queens is highly accepted.

**Note-** The Nebraska Angus Association will be offering $1000.00 incentive to go towards travel expenses. This money can be used for fuel, hotels, and meals. All receipts for travel need to be kept and turned into Margo for reimbursement.

**Please see Code of Conduct below**

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**Attire/Dress-** Please follow these guidelines when selecting your outfits:

1. Keep in mind that the latest outfit trend is not always the most appropriate attire to wear in the ring. Outfits with class, tailoring, and elegance will render the most positive impression.
2. Professional dresses, skirts, and blouses, or dress pants are required and solid colors are recommended.
3. Pantyhose or tights are required when wearing a skirt or dress.
4. No open backed shirts or dresses; shirts or dresses must cover your shoulders.
5. No bra showing. (Straps/sides/color etc.)
6. Dress and skirts are required to be to the knee or longer.
7. Shoes with elevated heel make a nice presentation when wearing skirts, dresses and dress pants. Pumps with a bulky heel that would make walking in the ring difficult and dangerous. Sandals and open toed shoes of any type may not be worn. Cowboy boots or riding boots with skirts or dresses are not allowed.
8. A dark colored shoe will hide dirt and manure and it is strongly suggested that white shoes not be worn in the ring.
9. Always wear you state banner and your crown. A contrasting color for you outfit, that will help showcase you banner, is attractive.
10. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, bright neon colors, or bold/busy prints, are unacceptable. These styles are inappropriate for the show ring and backdrop photos.
11. The official colors of the American Angus Association are red, black and white. Miss America Angus will always be wearing clothing coordinated around these colors. It is not required that you wear attire in these colors but it may be something that you may want to keep in mind.
12. If you are wearing anything that is deemed inappropriate or unacceptable you will be asked to remove you crown and banner and leave the ring.

When working the ring at a regional, national, or Roll of Victory show, you will want to dress up more than is you were at a state show.

**In the Ring-** This section addresses guidelines for the time you are actually in the ring.

1. Always smile. Eyes are on you at all times. Whether waiting on a class to be judged or if you are posing for a picture, have you best smile on.
2. Sit up straight and pay attention toward the class on the ring.
3. Do not cross your legs when wearing a skirt. Instead, keep both knees and ankles together and both feet on the ground or your legs at an angle with your ankles crossed. This is also a good suggestion even if wearing slacks.
4. No gum.
5. No eating in the ring (take a few minutes and eat behind the scenes).
6. Sit with all the royalty in the designated area in the show ring.
7. Have your own show program so that you may follow along with the procedure of the show. This way you will always know what class or championship will be coming in the ring next.
8. Remember that while you are in the ring, all eyes are upon you and others see all of your actions. Remember too, that while you are in the ring, you are also representing you state.
9. Use your time wisely while working the ring. Be sure you have you awards ready and in hand once the judge goes for the microphone. You surely do not want any delay in the show due to having to wait on the royalty to present awards.
10. Be attentive to the judge as he talks the class and be congratulatory to each of the show persons as they receive their award.
11. As you are collecting and presenting your awards, be conscientious of other dignitaries sitting ringside or working the ring. Avoid walking in front of these people as they watch the show and carry on their responsibilities. Be as discrete as possible when carrying out your duties.
12. When being introduced, please stand up fully/straight, turn toward the audience, smile/wave (raise your hand to at least shoulder height – no hip height waves please) and wave/acknowledge the introduction.

I hereby grant the Nebraska Angus Association, Nebraska Angus Auxiliary and Nebraska Junior Angus Association the irrevocable unrestricted right to use, reproduce, publish and copyright photos and videos recordings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant’s name) taken in the course of a queen event or activity; and to use such photos for any lawful purpose, in any manner or medium, and to alter the same without restrictions.

**Both parents/guardians and queen candidate must agree by signing these terms to be considered a candidate in the queen contest.**

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