

RULES GOVERNING THE OHIO AYRSHIRE QUEEN & PRINCESS CONTESTS

OHIO AYRSHIRE QUEEN CONTEST

The Ohio Ayrshire Queen Contest is open each year to any member of the Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club who is actively enrolled in 4-H or FFA with an Ayrshire Dairy project or is from a family actively raising Ayrshires, and is between the age of fifteen and under twenty-one years of age as of January 1. The current Ohio Ayrshire Queen is not eligible to compete for two consecutive terms but may do so again the third year.

Each contestant will be required to make the Ohio Junior Club advisor aware of their intention to run for Queen at least two weeks before the Annual meeting. Each contestant will be required to present a letter of her accomplishments at the Annual Meeting. It is preferred that the letter be read in person, but it is permissible for the State President or Junior Club Advisor to make the presentation if for some serious reason the contestant is unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

The winner will be chosen by a majority vote of the paid membership of the Ohio Ayrshire Breeders' Association during the Annual Meeting. If there are no contestants the Board of Directors will appoint a Queen. In case of a tie, the Board of Directors will break the tie.

OHIO AYRSHIRE PRINCESS CONTEST

The Ohio Ayrshire Princess Contest is open to any member of the Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club who is actively enrolled in 4-H or FFA with an Ayrshire Dairy Project or is from a family actively raising Ayrshires and is under fifteen years of age as of January 1.

Each contestant will be required to make the Ohio Junior Club advisor aware of their intention to run for Queen at least two weeks before the Annual meeting. Each contestant will be required to present a letter of her accomplishments at the Junior Club meeting during the Annual Meeting. It is preferred that the letter be read in person at the meeting, but is permissible for the Junior Club Advisor to make the presentation if for some reason the contestant is unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The winner will be chosen by a majority vote of the members of the Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE OHIO AYRSHIRE QUEEN AND OHIO AYRSHIRE PRINCESS

1. Participation at the following Ohio Ayrshire events: Junior and Open Shows of the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo, Junior and Open Shows at the Ohio State Fair, Spring Sale at the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo, Fall Sale at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, Summer Ayrshire picnic, Annual meeting in February, and other appropriate functions.
2. Optional participation: National Ayrshire Convention, other national Ayrshire shows or events, Ohio State Fair daily parade, Ohio county and/or regional dairy shows, local agriculture organization meetings (4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, Conservation Days) where it would be appropriate for the Ohio Ayrshire royalty to attend.
3. All current and past Ohio Ayrshire Queens are encouraged to participate in the National Princess contest at the National Convention.
4. The Queen and Princess are to wear their crown and sash at each event that they are representing the Ohio Ayrshire Breeders' Association and Ohio Junior Ayrshire Club.
5. The Spring Dairy Expo is usually cold so the girls should dress for the weather with warm slacks and jacket. The Ohio State Fair is warmer, but also has large fans moving the air in the show ring. A long or short dress is acceptable, but must be modest in style. Strapless, spaghetti straps or halter dresses are not considered appropriate for these dairy shows. Shoes should be appropriate to walk safely among cattle in the sand/sawdust bedding of the show ring. Nice slacks are also appropriate.
6. The Queen and Princess are encouraged to show their animals during the shows where they are also Royalty. Dress should be appropriate to be able to do both, without changing clothes. Shoes should be appropriate for handling show cattle. The Queen and Princess do not need to wear their sash or crown while showing.
7. The Queen and Princess are representing Ohio Ayrshires during their year as royalty. Plan to have fun and enjoy handing out ribbons, trophies and other awards to deserving breeders of Ayrshire animals. Be ready to smile and represent the dairy industry at any gathering that you attend. Young ladies who are willing and able to do this are encouraged to run for these two honors. Past Ayrshire Queens and Princesses are listed on the website www.ohioayrshire.com/royalty