



## OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES OF THE NATIONAL COHO QUEEN COMPETITION

- 1) All qualified candidates will compete in a Candidate Selection Day, in which three girls will be chosen as finalists for the National Coho Queen, held August 25, 2019. Candidates must be present for the entire selection day as well as September 6 & 7, 2019 for public appearances. The crowning will take place at the Queen's Ball, Friday September 6, 2019 at the Scenic Hill Best Western Conference Center.
- 2) Entrant agrees to abide by all rules established by the Queen's Committee and must sign the Candidate's Contract to signify this agreement.
- 3) Entrant must be a 2019 Junior or Senior in high school or other institute of equivalent standing or a recent 2019 high school graduate or equivalent.
- 4) Entrant must be a single female, never married, divorced, or cannot be currently or throughout her reign cohabitating with a male in lieu of marriage. She must not be pregnant, nor have any children.
- 5) Entrant must be a resident of Benzie, Leelanau, Grand Traverse or Manistee Counties.
- 6) Entrant is not under contract to any person, firm, organization or corporation, nor have any other legal obligations that would prevent participation in the National Coho Queen selection process.
- 7) Entrant must be of good character and conduct. The National Coho Salmon Festival Queen's Committee may refuse entry to any applicant felt to be lacking in good character or displaying poor conduct.
- 8) Entrant will cooperate with the Program Director as to the format of the Program. Entrant agrees to time, manner and method of judging, which shall be solely within the discretion of the National Coho Salmon Festival Queen's Committee and the National Coho Salmon Festival. The decision of the judges and governing body will be final.
- 9) Entrant acknowledges that if chosen as the National Coho Queen, or has been chosen as one of the three finalists for 1 year, she is no longer eligible to compete even if all other eligibility requirements are met.
- 10) Contestants are not permitted to smoke or drink at **ANY TIME** during the competition. Contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner so as not to bring discredit to herself, the program, or the National Coho Salmon Festival.
- 11) Entrant must never have been convicted of a crime, is not or ever been a willing party to any wrong doing, corruption, or financial impropriety.
- 12) It shall be understood that any violation of the Candidate's Contract, which includes these Rules & Regulations, may cause automatic elimination from further judging, even during the competition itself, without advance notice.
- 13) Contestant authorizes the use of contestant's name and likeness for publication as the National Coho Salmon Festival deems appropriate. This authorization shall include the use of all photographs, recordings, video or audiotapes made during the pageant itself, all corresponding appearances or during the titleholder's reign.
- 14) Entrant understands that an educational scholarship will be awarded to her in the amount of \$500 if selected as a final three Queen Candidate, and is paid directly to the school of her choice. In the event that the entrant fails to abide by the rules and regulations governing this contest, she will immediately forfeit the aforementioned scholarship, and also forfeit the position of Queen Candidate if deemed necessary by the National Coho Salmon Festival. In the event that she does not wish to avail herself of the educational advantages of this scholarship, then she shall forfeit the scholarship.

If, after accepting the scholarship, she desires to discontinue her education, she shall forfeit any unused portion of this scholarship. In the event that she has not started to use the scholarship fund within one year of the contest for seniors or recent graduates or two years for juniors, she shall forfeit the entire scholarship fund. The scholarship is non-transferable. All unused scholarship funds shall revert into the National Coho Salmon Festival Queen Scholarship Fund.

- 15) Candidate agrees that if she maintains or is involved in electronic social networking sites such as Websites, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, blogs, message boards, etc., she will present a positive image which will not contain behavior such as negative postings, inappropriate photos or inappropriate language.
- 16) If chosen as the National Coho Queen, entrant will agree to a 1 year commitment with the National Coho Salmon Festival, and as such will sign the official Queen's Contract and agree to relinquish any other title presently held.

**IF SELECTED AS THE NATIONAL COHO QUEEN, the entrant must agree to the following:**

- 17) If during the reign of the Coho Queen she no longer meets the requirements of eligibility in the opinion of the Committee, she will forfeit her crown and all awards presented to her.
- 18) Throughout the year the Coho Queen will be required to attend and participate in numerous events. All appearances are scheduled, arranged and supervised by the Queen's Committee or designated agent so as to reflect the values and high standards of the program and to enhance its visibility within our community, state, and nation. The 1st runner-up will have no continuing obligations, only in the event that the Queen is unable to finish her reign will she be called upon.
- 19) The Coho Queen shall NOT appear in public as the National Coho Queen without prior approval of the director, or a designated agent. She will make public appearances only in the presence of a chaperone officially appointed to her by the Queen's Committee. Furthermore, she will not bring guests along with her while making appearances; this includes family members and boyfriends, except a parent or guardian for minors.
- 20) The Coho Queen shall follow all wardrobe guidelines throughout her reign during appearances. In addition, there shall be no major alterations in physical appearance without approval by the Queen's Committee. This would include piercing (other than the ears), tattoos, dramatic changes in hair color or style, or other alterations that could be considered offensive.
- 21) Continued failure to attend scheduled functions, violations of her contract, or public conduct which the Queen's Committee deems to be a discredit to the Queen or to the National Coho Salmon Festival, may result in action by the committee to remove the title.
- 22) The Queen will receive a total scholarship of \$1,500, paid directly to the school of her choice. In the event that the Queen fails to abide by the rules and regulations governing this contest, she will immediately forfeit the aforementioned scholarship, and also forfeit the title of National Coho Queen if deemed necessary by the National Coho Salmon Festival. In the event that she does not wish to avail herself of the educational advantages of this scholarship, she desires to discontinue her education, she shall forfeit any unused portion of this scholarship. In the event that she has not started to use the scholarship fund within one year of the contest for seniors or recent graduates or within two years for juniors, she shall forfeit the entire scholarship fund. The scholarship is non-transferable. All unused scholarship funds shall revert into the National Coho Salmon Festival Queen Scholarship Fund. Furthermore, it shall be understood that the scholarship will be made in two equal payments over the course of the queen's reign.
- 23) In the event that the best interests of the contestant are threatened by enforcing any of the rules or regulations, the rule may be waived by a majority vote of the Queen's Committee, upon written request to the committee.

I hereby accept the terms, rules, and regulations stated in the contract.

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Printed Candidate Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

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Parent or Guardian's Signature (For Minors)

Date