

CQHA QUEEN CONTEST DETAILS

The CQHA Queen Contest consists of three categories: a horsemanship competition, a written test, and a personal interview. All three portions of the contest will take place during Saturday of the CQHA Summer Classic, to be held in July at Falls Creek Farm in Oneco, CT.

Horsemanship Test – *20 percent of the total score.* There will be one horsemanship class held. You may ride your own horse or another (it is not required that candidates own the horse they ride). There will be points awarded for each place on the judges' card. These points will then be averaged into the contestants' scores for the written test and personal interview.

Points will be awarded for the horsemanship portion as follows, depending on the number of contestants:

- 1st – 10 points
- 2nd – 7.5 points
- 3rd – 5 points

Written Test – *40 percent of the total score.* The written test will consist of 80 questions from the AQHA 2005 Handbook. The written test will contain true and false questions along with multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions. Each question will be worth 1/2 point each with a total of 40 points, which will then be averaged into the contestants' other two scores.

Personal Interview – *40 percent of the total score.* Each candidate will participate in a thirty-minute personal interview before a panel of two or three interviewers. Candidates will be judged on their appearance, personality, and ability to present themselves overall. CQHA recommends that contestants dress professionally, as appropriate for going on a job interview, for the personal interview portion of the contest. It will be to each candidate's advantage to make the best impression possible at all times.

Ties – In the event of a tie, the personal interview scores will be used to determine the winner. The CQHA Queen's Committee has chosen the interview as a tie breaker since we feel it is very important for our queen to be well-spoken in order to best represent the Connecticut Quarter Horse Association.

Crowning – Crowning of the CQHA Queen will occur during the evening festivities on Saturday at the conclusion of the competition.

I hope that this information will be very helpful to you in doing your best. Good luck and all the best to you!

Sincerely,
Lisa Mazurka
Queen Committee Chair