QUEEN OF QUEENS FORMAT
Effective 2018 - 2019

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2019 PAGEANT DATE:
Thursday, July 25, 2019
Capitol Theater
Wheeling, WV

FUTURE DATES:
July 23, 2020

MAKE CERTAIN TO READ AND COMPLETE:
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CALENDAR [2019]:
February 1:  Information sent to OVAC school principals
April 1:  Queen information sheets and amateur status forms sent to director.
April 14:  Mandatory meeting of all Queen representatives at WesBanco Arena, 1:00PM

PICTURES TAKEN FOR PROGRAM
May 1:  Last day to change school’s representative.
May 23:  “Meet the Queen’s Night” Osiris Shrine, 6:00PM. All documents and ads due.
July 18-24:  Rehearsals as scheduled
July 23:  “Evening With The Stars” White Palace, Wheeling Park, 6:30 PM
July 24:  Queen of Queens Dress Rehearsal, Capitol Theater, 5:00
July 25:  Queen of Queens Pageant, Capitol Theater, 7:00 PM
July 26:  All-Star Football Game Pep Rally, Bethany College, 5:45 PM
July 27:  All-Star Football Game, Wheeling Island Stadium
Report at 6:00 PM
GUIDELINES:

1. Queens must meet the guidelines for amateur status as stated in the rules of the WVS-SAC and the OHSAA.

2. Schools are encouraged to have their own pageant, talent contest, or form of competition.

3. Within each school, first consideration should be given to seniors. **However, in the event that your representative is an underclassmen, they will not be eligible to participate in succeeding years.**

4. Selection of the OVAC Queen of Queens will be based on 60% talent, 25% poise and presentation, 15% personality/interview.

5. Every queen candidate will be expected to solicit at least 8 pages of ads for the All-Star Program. These ads can be solicited from local businesses, school organizations or the families of the candidate, band members or football players.

6. Talent information must be finalized and submitted in writing by the July 1.

7. Should a school representative choose to withdraw from this activity, another representative from the school may be submitted if done so by May 1. This must take place through the school principal and school's queen coordinator.

8. Queen candidates will be expected to attend all meetings, rehearsals, and activities associated with the Queen of Queens Competition and OVAC All-Star Football Game.
On behalf of the OVAC, I would like to invite your school to participate in the 2019 Queen of Queens competition. I am pleased to announce that this year the Talent Show will be held at the Capitol Theatre providing the girls a great venue in which to showcase their talents. The Queen of Queens is an exciting and rewarding event for our senior girls across the Ohio Valley. Once again, $5,000 in scholarships will be awarded, so we are hoping that your school will have a representative. Listed below is information regarding the 2019 Queen of Queens.

1. Because Queen of Queens is part of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, which is governed by the rules of the WVSSAC as stated in 127-2-11.1 and the OHSAA as stated in 4-10-1, the Queens must meet the guidelines concerning amateur status. A copy of the rules from these organizations concerning amateur status is enclosed.

2. The Queens will be judged as follows: 60% for talent, 25% for poise and presentation, 15% for personality/interview.

3. Each school is encouraged to have their own pageant, talent contest, or some form of competition. Scholarship money is awarded to all place winners and Miss Congeniality which is voted on by the contestants. It is suggested that first consideration be given to seniors. **However, in the event that your representative is an underclassmen, they will not be eligible to participate in succeeding years.**

4. As one of the Queen’s responsibilities, she will be expected to solicit at least eight (8) pages of ads for the All-Star Program. These ads can be solicited from local businesses, school organizations or the families of the candidate, band members, or football players.

5. **Should a Queen of Queens representative choose to withdraw from this activity, another representative from the school may be submitted if done so by May 1.**

There will be a mandatory meeting of all OVAC Queen of Queen representatives on Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM at WesBanco Arena. Information concerning all the activities in which the Queens will be participating and the selling of ads for the All-Star Program will be distributed at this meeting. Pictures for the program will also be taken. **Dress requirements for the picture will be sent out once the contact information has been received.** Queen representatives **MUST** be present. This is the only meeting prior to our “Meet the Queens Night” on May 23.

Enclosed is the OVAC Queen of Queens Information Sheet and the Queen of Queens Amateur Status document. **Please return both completed forms as soon as possible and no later than Friday, March 29, 2019, to:**

Joyce Jingle  
65558 Dixon Hill  
Bellaire, OH 43906  
740-676-5695 (home)  
740-391-0831 (cell)

Please begin planning early so that your school has selected their Queen of Queens representative and submitted the necessary documents in a timely manner. The OVAC Queen of Queens Pageant is a long-standing tradition and opportunity for our young ladies. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you and your Queen representative. Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile OVAC event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
OVAC QUEEN OF QUEENS INFORMATION

Queen’s Name ____________________________________________________________
First   Middle Initial    Last

Address _________________________________________________________________

City       State      Zip Code

School ________________________________________________________________
School Phone __________________________________________________________

Principal’s Name ____________________________
Queen Coordinator’s Name ____________________________

Queen Contact Information: It is extremely important that you provide contact information below that you use and check regularly.

Home Phone ___________________________________________________________
Area Code   Number

Cell Phone _____________________________________________________________
Area Code   Number

e-mail ________________________________________________________________

Please provide a legible e-mail address that is checked on a regular basis.

You will be required to present a talent as part of the Queen of Queens’ competition. Please indicate your performance area (dance, drama, vocal, instrumental, other). Be as specific as possible.

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If you study or have studied privately in the last four (4) years, please list the school(s) or private teacher(s) with whom you are or have been associated:

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Please select your Queen representative and mail this form by Friday, March 29, 2019, to:

Joyce Jingle
65558 Dixon Hill
Bellaire, OH 43906
OVAC QUEEN OF QUEENS AMATEUR STATUS

The Queen representing _____________________________ High School meets the guidelines set forth by the WVSSAC and the OHSAA concerning amateur status.

____________________________________________   _____________________
Signature - Queen Representative      Date

____________________________________________   _____________________
Signature - Parent/Guardian       Date

____________________________________________   _____________________
Signature - Principal        Date

____________________________________________   _____________________
Signature - Queen Co-Ordinator       Date

Please complete this form and return along with the Queen Information Sheet by Friday, March 29, 2019, to:

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4-10-1  A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who participates in the activities of his/her sport for the purpose of deriving the physical, mental and social benefits organized sports competition has to offer and not for any present or future pecuniary or commercial gains. Since the student is considered an integral member of the student body, a clear line of distinction between educationally based athletics and professional sports must exist and be maintained at all times. It shall be the shared responsibility of school personnel, the athletes and their parents to maintain this clear line of distinction.

4-10-2  An athlete forfeits amateur status, and thus interscholastic athletic eligibility, if any of the following standards of amateurism are violated:

a) Competing for money or other remuneration. Allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted provided that these expenses are not conditioned on the individual’s or team’s place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis. In addition, receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition is not permitted;

b) Capitalizing on the athlete’s fame by receiving money, merchandise or services of value. An athlete “capitalizes” on his/her “athletic fame” by accepting money, merchandise or services of value based in whole or in part upon the notoriety the athlete received through his/her athletic skills and achievements. This includes using the athlete’s skill, directly or indirectly, for pay in any form in that sport. “Pay” includes, but is not limited to, any direct or indirect remuneration, gratuity or other economic benefit in either the present or future, or any division or split of surplus (bonuses, games’ receipts, etc.). Scholarships to institutions of higher education are specifically exempted;

c) Receiving, from a sponsor, actual and necessary expenses or any form of compensation to participate in athletics practice or competition while not representing a member school. A “sponsor” is a person or entity that undertakes certain responsibilities (such as underwriting, promoting, endorsing or financing) in connection with an athlete or event and who/which is neither (1) a nonprofessional organization or governing body of an amateur sport which is sponsoring the tournament or event, (2) a member school or organization connected with the member school through duly recognized action of the member school’s Board of Education (or similar governing body) or (3) any person who is not a “legal stranger” to the athlete. A “legal stranger” is a person who is neither the biological parent nor is the legal guardian or custodian of the athlete nor one who has no legal obligation to support the athlete. Any practice for which reasonable and necessary expenses are received must be conducted in a continuous time period preceding the competition except for a practice session conducted by a national team, under the auspices of a United States (USA) National Governing Body, which may be interrupted for specific periods of time preceding the competition;

d) Signing a contract or making a commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any payment received. This prohibits signing a contract during the interscholastic athletics season that is dated after the completion of the athlete’s interscholastic athletic eligibility;

e) Receiving, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses, merchandise or services or any other form of financial assistance or benefits from a professional sports organization based upon athletics skills or participation. EXCEPTION: An athlete may receive reimbursement of expenses as per item (a) for a professional tryout;

f) Competing with any professional athletics team, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received; or

g) Entering into an agreement with a sports or marketing agent (O.R.C. §§4771.01 et seq.).
The following activities do not jeopardize amateur status:

a) Accepting a fee for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground or camp activities;

b) Receiving school-sponsored membership or participation fees in youth serving agencies, athletic clubs, community recreation centers, instructional programs or camps, etc. provided such fees are paid directly to the agency;

c) Receiving an award, playing equipment or prize of monetary value which does not exceed the awards amount authorized by the Association;

d) Receiving all non-monetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses, including entertainment, equipment, clothing, long distance telephone service, Internet access, and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of the nation’s Olympic team or the specific sport Olympic team in question;

e) Accepting funds that are administered by the United States Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program; or

f) Participating in member school, charitable or educational promotions or fund-raising activities that involve the use of athletic ability by student-athletes to obtain funds (e.g., swimathons, lift-a-thons, shoot-a-thons) from donors, provided the student-athletes receive no compensation or prizes for their participation.

g) Accepting scholarship funds that are administered by a national governing body, e.g. the United States Bowling Congress’ Scholarship Program, provided such funds are paid directly to a postsecondary institution and the funds are not available until after the student has graduated from high school.

A high school student who loses amateur status/athletic eligibility may apply to the Association for reinstatement in the interscholastic program. Such appeals shall be handled by the Commissioner in accordance with the bylaws. If a student-athlete in one sport violates a provision of the amateur bylaw as detailed above, the student-athlete may represent the member school in a different sport.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES COMMISSION (WVSSAC)

By-Laws Regarding Amateur Status


11.1. A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived therefrom. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:

11.1.1. competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted);

11.1.2. receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by the WVSSAC;

11.1.3. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted);

11.1.4. signing a professional playing contract in that sport.

11.2. accepting a nominal, standard fee or salary for instructing, supervising or officiating in organized youth sports program or recreation, playground or camp activities shall not jeopardize amateur status. “Organized youth sports program” includes both school and non-school programs. Compensation for giving private lessons is permissible if approved by the WVSSAC.
11.3. A student who loses amateur status may apply to the WVSSAC for reinstatement in the interscholastic program after a waiting period of one complete high school season (starting practice date through state tournament or end of season) for that sport.

11.4. A senior student may participate in a professional tryout either during or after the season of that sport provided

   11.4.1. that it does not occur on the day of a school contest of that sport, or
   11.4.2. that it meets with the principal's approval.

Should there be ANY doubt as to whether or not your representative would be ineligible under these guidelines, check first with Joyce Jingle, Queen of Queens Director, or Tom Rataiczak, OVAC Director.

If your candidate has been proven to violate these guidelines, your school will forfeit a representative and any monies received or given from/to the representative.