# Idaho Saddle Club Association Royalty Guide

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COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES

• Selection of royalty shall be an annual event held by the Idaho Saddle Club Association.
• The royalty contest is to be held during the Idaho State O-Mok-See each year, with winners to assume their titles at the Spring Round-up they will reign and end on retirement of their position during the Spring Round-up of the following year.
• There are 3 divisions for the royalty contest. They are: Queen - age 16 to 20, Senior Princess - age 12 to 15, and Junior Princess - age 11 and younger. Ages will be determined of the year they will reign as royalty.
• Elected royalty may not succeed themselves in the same age division.
• Three royalty will be selected, one from each division, as well as three alternates, one from each division.

ELIGIBILITY

• Royalty contestants must be a member of a saddle club that has current dues paid to the Idaho Saddle Club Association.
• Contestant must be 20 years old or younger of the year they will reign as royalty. (Queen - age 16 to 20, Senior Princess - age 12 to 15, Junior Princess - age 11 or younger)
• Royalty contestants must be single and never married.
• Contestant must not be pregnant nor have children.
• Contestant must plan to attend the Idaho Saddle Club Association O-Mok-See.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter the Idaho Saddle Club Association royalty contest the contestant must complete and send in the following:

• An “Idaho Saddle Club Entry Form" with proper signatures.
• A $3.50 entry fee (entry fee shall be the same as the entry fee for all O-Mok-See events).
• One 3 x 5 photo of the contestant.
• A “Royalty Questionnaire”

“Idaho Saddle Club Association Royalty Entry Forms” and “Royalty Questionnaires” are available from the current Idaho Saddle Club Association royalty advisor, the Idaho Saddle Club Association secretary and all paid saddle clubs who have given an address to the Idaho Saddle Club Association. The form, questionnaire, photo, and entry fee should be postmarked or hand delivered to the current Idaho Saddle Club Association royalty advisor by the deadline set by the host club for Idaho State O-Mok-See entries due date or the royalty advisor’s stated date on the entry posted. The royalty advisor’s address will be printed on the entry form.
CONTEST RULES

• All contestants shall wear western apparel throughout the competition. This includes western slacks or jeans, blouses with a western yoke (blouses with long sleeves are preferable over short sleeves, no tank tops) and western boots. Accessories such as a tie, belt, hat, etc. are optional, but may add to your overall appearance. A western hat will be required for the judged riding competition, but not the regular O-Mok-See events.
• Each contestant will be given an official numbered armband on Saturday morning that is to be worn at all times except swimming.
• Each contestant will be required to attend the rider's meeting on Saturday morning.
• Contestants shall ride in the grand entry on Saturday and Sunday morning.
• Each contestant shall perform a riding pattern to be held at lunch break on Saturday. This pattern will be judged on equitation and skills of the rider.
• Each contestant will participate in a personal interview Saturday evening. Only the contestant and panel of judges will be present during each interview. The interview may consist of questions on horsemanship, horses, information from the royalty questionnaire, and O-Mok-See, etc.
• All contestants will be judged on their accuracy and speed of one O-Mok-See game. The event will be a blind draw from Saturday's list of games and will be revealed to the contestants on Saturday morning. If a contestant is not entered in the selected event that person will be allowed to ride in the event at the end of their regular age group (it will not count for O-Mok-See awards).
• Contestants will be assigned two O-Mok-See events to help with in the arena. Other help and unassigned arena work will be noted. For the safety of the Junior Princess contestants, arena work will not be assigned, but other suitable jobs may be asked of them.
• All contestants must compete in a minimum of two speed events at the state O-Mok-See.

DISQUALIFICATIONS DURING CONTEST

Any contestant will be disqualified from the royalty competition if the following occurs:

• Contestant fails to attend or perform an event listed in the contest rules.
• Contestant fails to abide by any one or more of the contest rules.
• Contestant is caught using alcohol or illegal drugs.
• Contestant uses profane language or displays inappropriate conduct.

JUDGING

• A panel of five anonymous judges will be chosen to observe the contestants throughout the Idaho State O-Mok-See starting with the rider's meeting on Saturday morning and ending when the winners are announced during the Idaho State O-Mok-See award ceremony on Sunday. Parents or relatives of the contestants will not be asked to judge the contest.
• Contestants will be judged as follows:
  ♦ Interview ........................................ 25%
  ♦ Speed Event.................................15%
  ♦ Horsemanship (pattern) .......... 25%
Overall Conduct …………………35%
(Includes appearance, helpfulness, assigned duties, personality, and other)

- The judges’ decisions are final.
- Decisions will be announced during the awards ceremony on Sunday.

ROYALTY RESPONSIBILITIES

When chosen as Idaho Saddle Club Association Royalty, each recipient must uphold the following duties:

- Cooperate with the royalty advisor.
- Wear western attire during the Idaho State O-Mok-See. All contestants shall use western riding equipment and furnish the same.
- Attend the royalty luncheon at noon and help present the O-Mok-See awards during the award ceremony (some hosts have awards on Saturday and on Sunday, some just on Sunday).
- Attend the ISCA winter meeting held in February at the Moscow Fairgrounds.
- Attend the Spring Round-up in March at a location chosen by the host club of the next Idaho State O-Mok-See.
- Attend the Idaho State O-Mok-See the year of reign.
- Participate in tasks you are asked to do at required events.
- Ride in at least one parade as Idaho Saddle Cub Association royalty.
- Complete one activity that promotes the sport of O-Mok-See. Examples:
  1. Public speaking at grade schools, county fairs, other organizations, and on radio
  2. Make posters or flyers to distribute to the public
  3. Make an O-Mok-See scrap book and share it with others
- Have transportation to required events.

Royalty members should take pride in the position that has been entrusted to them. You have been selected to represent the ISCA and people will view you as an ambassador for our State organization.

FORFEITING A TITLE

In the event that a royalty representative must forfeit their title, the respective alternate will fill the position. Royalty titles may be taken away if the following occurs:

- Royalty fails to follow “Royalty Responsibilities.”
- Royalty becomes married or pregnant.
- Royalty is caught using alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Royalty uses profane language or displays inappropriate conduct.

Forfeiting includes giving up the title, crown, and any item that the ISCA has given to the person. Only during extreme conditions or emergencies may a royalty representative be dismissed from attending events listed under “Royalty Responsibilities.” In such an event the royalty advisor needs to be notified ahead of time.
ROLE AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE ROYALTY ADVISOR

The royalty advisor is a position appointed by the ISCA secretary during the annual winter meeting. The royalty advisor has the following jobs and requirements:

- Read through, understand, and be able to interpret the contents of the ISCA Royalty Guide.
- Inform current royalty of mandatory events, giving them the time, location, and how they should prepare themselves for the occasion. This includes events such as the spring round-up, Idaho State O-Mok-See, and the winter meeting. Make all necessary introductions at these events and activities.
- Have Idaho State Royalty forms, Royalty questionnaires, and Royalty Guide available at the spring round-up. Make sure your name, address, phone-number, and the entry deadline are printed on the forms.
- Prepare a royalty display for the Idaho State O-Mok-See, using pictures of state royalty and contestants.
- Make a schedule for the royalty and contestants telling them what they need to do at the Idaho State O-Mok-See. Receive approval from the host club and distribute the schedules to the Idaho State Royalty and contestants, prior to the State O-Mok-See.
- Select a panel of five secret judges for the royalty contest and provide them with the materials needed for judging.
- Provide armbands for the contestants.
- Prepare interview questions. Reigning royalty and judges may assist.
- Make sure the Sunday royalty luncheon is organized.
- Make sure time is provided for the riding competition, interviews, luncheon, etc.
- Make sure royalty contest is organized.
- Clip score sheets with comments from each judge for each individual royalty contestant. Give the results to each individual contestant after the Idaho State O-Mok-See award presentation on Sunday.

The role of a royalty advisor is very important. It is your duty to organize all aspects of the ISCA Royalty & Contest to the best of your ability. Many questions will arise and it is your job to answer them. It is important to get to know all royalty, contestants and become friendly with the environment that you have agreed to be a part of. Take pride in your job and promote the good things that royalty gives to youth.

HOST CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide and pay for royalty awards. The cost of royalty awards will be reimbursed to the host club by the ISCA. This includes six awards:
  - Three 21 inch trophies or an award of equal value that is suitable for the elected Idaho State Royalty. There should be an award for the Queen, Senior Princess, and Junior Princess.
o Three 10 inch trophies or awards of equal value that is suitable for royalty alternates. There should be an award for the alternates in each of the three royalty divisions (queen, senior princess, junior princess).

- Allow time for the grand entry on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Allow time at Saturday’s lunch break for the royalty horsemanship (riding pattern) competition.
- Prepare a suitable area for Sunday’s royalty potluck luncheon. This includes setting up tables and seating. Decorating is optional. This would be a good task for the host saddle club royalty.

**ISCA RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ISCA will provide crowns for all reigning royalty. The traveling ISCA crowns will be presented to the new reigning royalty at the host club’s spring round-up event for the Idaho State O-Mok-See usually in March. In the event that a crown is lost, broken, or no longer useable the ISCA will replace the crown recommended by the royalty advisor with club voting delegates voting on the amount to expense for the purchase.
- Traveling leather ISCA serapes for each royalty division will be awarded at the spring round-up event. Leather serapes were a fund-raiser by 1997 ISCA royalty (Queen Aletha Falen, Senior Princess Tracy Nagle, and Junior Princess Melissa Moore).
- ISCA will provide money (passed 2004 winter meeting) that was spent for satin jackets (~$45) to all division royalty crowned at the spring round-up event. Royalty are required to pay for sashes with part of these funds for their ISCA reign.
- ISCA will provide money for each royalty division individual that was generated by all saddle clubs’s paying an additional $15.00 (passed 2004 winter meeting) with their annual dues. These funds will be divided equally with the reigning royalty divisions for that year. Example: 15 paid clubs will generate $225 and there are 3 royalty winners, then each will receive $75 from the ISCA towards their clothing expenses. The royalty will be responsible for all other aspects of their royalty outfits (i.e. hat, boots, jeans or slacks, shirts, etc.)

**JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Judges should be prepared to do the following:

- Keep their identities unknown until the announcement of royalty winners at the last award presentation for the Idaho State O-Mok-See.
- Be present during specific royalty contest events.
- Keep a note of behavior and actions of the contestants throughout the competition.
- Be fair with judging, no prejudice or favoritism.

Judges should remember that they are selecting individuals to represent and promote the ISCA. Be sure to look for individuals who are enthusiastic and excited about representing the ISCA and the Idaho State O-Mok-See.
IDAHO SADDLE CLUB ASSOCIATION ENTRY FORM

Please read thoroughly the Idaho Saddle Club Association Royalty Guide before completing this application.

Contestant Name _____________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ____________ Zip Code _____________

Phone Number (_____)_____________   Saddle Club Name __________________________

Birthdate _____/_____/_____

Please Circle Title:              Queen                         Sr. Princess                          Jr. Princess

I, the undersigned, am familiar with the ISCA Royalty Guide.  As a contestant I agree to follow all of the competition rules and regulations listed above and understand the consequences if I choose not to.  I also agree to uphold my duties if chosen as Idaho State Royalty, and again understand the consequences if I do not.  Throughout the royalty contest and if chosen, I release the ISSCA and any group or individual associated with this function from any claim, loss or injury to myself, my property and my mount.

____________________________________     _____________________________________
Contestant’s signature                date      parent/legal guardian’s signature             date

Please include with this entry form $3.50 entry fee, a photo of the contestant and a completed royalty questionnaire.  The saddle club president must sign below to authorize that you are a paid saddle club member.

Signature of the saddle club president (Please print and sign on this line.)

Mail entries to:  ____Marsha Habberstad________________
                 ____708 Goosehaven Road________________
                 ____St. Maries, Idaho 83861_______________

Phone #:        (208) 245-3186____________________

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS:     ______June 17, 2005_________________
IDAHO SADDLE CLUB ASSOCIATION
Royalty Questionnaire

Note: This questionnaire will not be judged. Its’ purpose is to help prepare questions for the interview during the actual competition and introductions.

Name ______________________________ Competing for _____________________

Home Town _____________________________________________________________

Age ___________ School __________________________________________________

How long have you been riding? ___________________________________________

How long have you been participating in the sport of O-Mok-See and other horse events?

What is your favorite O-Mok-See event? ________________________________

What is your favorite other horse event, if any? ___________________________

Do any of your family members ride in O-Mok-See? _________ How many? _________

Do you do any other type of riding (trail, rodeo, horse shows, etc.)? _________________
   If so, please list them ____________________________________________________

List any clubs or organizations that you are a member. ______________________________

List any hobbies you have or other sports you participate in. ________________________
ISCA Judge’s Score Sheet

Judge’s Score Sheets – used by the judge’s for scoring and given to each participant after the competition. These are confidential scores that should be separated and given directly to each contestant.

Contestant’s Name ____________________________

Title ______________________ Armband # ________

Comments:

INTERVIEW
  Appearance (5 pts.)   ______
  Personality (5 pts.)  ______
  Questions (10 pts.)   ______

SPEED EVENT
  Accuracy (10 pts.)    ______
  Speed (5 pts.)        ______

HORSEMANSHIP (pattern)
  Appearance (5 pts.)    ______
  Accuracy (10 pts.)     ______
  Equitation (10 pts.)   ______

OVERALL CONDUCT
  Appearance (5 pts.)    ______
  Helpfulness (10 pts.)  ______
  Assigned duties (5 pts.) ______
  Personality (10 pts.)  ______
  Other (5 pts.)         ______

POINT TOTAL _______________ of a possible 100 points.

ISCA Judge’s Score Sheet

Contestant’s Name ____________________________

Title ______________________ Armband # ________

Comments:

INTERVIEW
  Appearance (5 pts.)   ______
  Personality (5 pts.)  ______
  Questions (10 pts.)   ______

SPEED EVENT
  Accuracy (10 pts.)    ______
  Speed (5 pts.)        ______

HORSEMANSHIP (pattern)
  Appearance (5 pts.)    ______
  Accuracy (10 pts.)     ______
  Equitation (10 pts.)   ______

OVERALL CONDUCT
  Appearance (5 pts.)    ______
  Helpfulness (10 pts.)  ______
  Assigned duties (5 pts.) ______
  Personality (10 pts.)  ______
  Other (5 pts.)         ______

POINT TOTAL _______________ of a possible 100 points.