**General Rules**

1. The program offers a competition to Camas County residents and residents of counties that are direct neighbors of Camas County (must share a border) ages 10 to 20 as of April 1st of the current competition year.
2. Reigning royalty or their parent(s) must not sign any contract that states, if the royal wins an outside association’s crown/title they may only represent said association. If such a contract is signed, the individual will automatically forfeit the Camas County Fair title and all awards. Awards are to be retuned promptly to the royalty chairperson or the replacement cost of the award(s) will be the sole responsibility of the contestant’s parent/guardian in the case of a minor otherwise the contestant must pay the replacement cost.
3. Any contestant or reigning royalty who acts in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, illegal, unsportsmanlike, rude, hot-headed, dishonorable, and or harmful or demeaning to Camas County Fair and the royalty program and the fair’s public image, they will be disqualified by the royalty committee for that year and possible future participation in the royalty program. All complaints against royalty from the public must be submitted to the royalty chairperson within 72 after the incident or when the incident was discovered. A $25.00 fee must accompany the complaint. If the complaint is upheld, the fee will be returned. The decision of the royalty committee will be final. The written complaint and entry fee does not apply to royalty committee members and/or law enforcement officers.
4. Any act indicated in the preceding paragraph committed at the competition or royalty event, by a member of the family and/or trainer/coach, friend of a contestant shall be deemed to have been committed by the contestant.
5. A contestant who has been disqualified for any of the above reasons may not complete the remaining phases of the competition and will forfeit their $50.00 entry fee. A contestant may lose eligibility to compete in the royalty program in future years.
6. If a contestant is unwilling to continue, moves out of the county or neighboring county, or misses a phase of the competition, the $50.00 entry fee will be forfeit to the royalty program. The exception to this will be in the event the contestant has a detailed doctors letter stating the contestant is too sick or injured to compete, then they royalty committee will refund the $50.00 entry fee to said contestant.
7. During the competition and royalty public appearance events, the royal shall have a chaperon who will be responsible for them. This applies to all contestants regardless of their age. A chaperone is usually a parent or a member of the royalty committee. If a contestant turns 21 in the completion year, they will not be allowed to enter a drinking establishment while performing official Royalty duties.
8. The official titles for the senior royalty program will be as follows:

Camas County Fair Queen [year]

Camas County Fair Princess [year]

Camas County Fair King [year]

Camas County Fair Prince [year]

The official titles of the junior royalty program will be as follows:

Junior Camas County Fair Queen [year]

Junior Camas County Fair Princess [year]

Junior Camas County Fair King [year]

Junior Camas County Fair Prince [year]

Individuals may compete and hold the title of Camas County Fair King or Queen more than once but not in a consecutive year. Prince and princess may compete in the year directly following their reign. This includes junior royalty moving into the senior royalty program.

1. The King or Queen will attend those functions to which they are officially invited to through the royalty chairperson who will act as chaperon or appoint a chaperon.
2. If a King and/or Queen are unable to attend an event, then the prince and/or princess will be invited in their place.
3. If a King or Queen and unable to fulfill their duties, resigns or has their title removed, then the prince or princess will take their place and the new king or queen for the remainder of the year. All awards must be returned to the royalty chairperson.

**Specific Camas County Fair Queen & Junior Queen Program Rules**

1. Contestants must currently be single and can never have been married, nor had a marriage annulled. Reigning royalty must not get married during the year of their reign or forfeit their title. They may not be living with a male in lieu of legal marriage either at the time of application or during the competition year. Contestants must not be nor ever have been pregnant.

**Specific Camas County Fair King & Junior Fair King Program Rules**

1. Contestants must currently be single and can never have been married, nor had a marriage annulled. Reigning royalty must not get married during the year of their reign or forfeit their title. They may not be living with a female in lieu of legal marriage either at the time of application or during the competition year. Contestants must not have nor ever have fathered a child.

**Royalty Competition Rules**

1. The deadline for entry will be April 15th of the competition year. Contestant’s competition age is determined as of April 1st of the current year.
2. Royalty chairperson’s responsibilities will be to:
	1. Advertise the program in local media including the internet.
	2. Maintain the royalty website or appoint an individual as webmaster.
	3. Prepare the score sheets for all the contestants.
	4. Select judges for the phases of competition. If the chairperson is a parent or coach of a current contestant, then he/she must appoint a royalty committee member who is not a parent or coach to select the judges. Judges are not to be relatives or friends, coaches, teachers of a contestant. Whenever possible, judges should not be residents of Camas County.
	5. Host meetings and practice sessions for the contestants.
	6. The Chairperson will choose a speech topic(s) and give them to the contestant at least one (1) month prior to the speech phase of the competition.
	7. Insure that each contestant receives a copy of the royalty program rules and completes all the necessary paperwork.
	8. Order awards to be available in time of the awards presentation.
	9. Act as chaperone for any royal and/or contestant who do not have one.
	10. Post the final results of the program on the royalty website and local media.
	11. Act as an ambassador of the Camas Fair Royalty Program throughout the year, by promoting the program, answering questions and any seeking qualified contestants.

**Score Keeping**

1. The royalty chairperson will appoint a person as the program’s head scorekeeper. This person cannot be a relative, trainer or coach of a contestant. The head scorekeeper must find two other scorekeepers who also meet the same criteria to assist with the point totaling and final results report to the royalty chairperson. The head scorekeeper will insure all phases of the testing are properly scored, tabulated and made available to the chairperson as soon as possible following the final judging.
2. All phases of the competition must be scored by three (3) people. It is not necessary to use the same three people for all phases.
3. Results will not be released until after the awards have been presented.
4. Immediately following the awards presentation a final tally sheet with all the contestants’ scores and assigned contestant number will be posted for one (1) hour.
5. Each contestant will be given all of their score sheets after the awards presentation.
6. A contestant’s scores for each phase will be totaled then averaged for a final score. The final score for each phase will be total for a grand total score.

**Awards**

Awards will be presented only if funds are available. The Camas County Fair Royalty Program must be self-sustaining. Awards may be given as follows including the junior program:

Queen & Princess: sash and tiara each

King & Prince: Trophy buckle or trophy jacket each

There may be an award for the top score in each of the competition phases.

Additional, non-judged awards maybe as follows: Sportsmanship, Photogenic, Sponsorship Award, etc.

Other awards such as scholarships, gift certificates etc. may also be given.

**Sponsorship Contest**

Each contestant will be required to participate in the royalty sponsorship program.

 Details of the sponsorship program will be given to each contestant at the first meeting. This program is separate from the judged phases and has no bearing on the outcome of the competitions but it is an additional contest. If enough funds are earned through the program then the royalty committee will refund part if not all of the contestants’ entry fees. Additional fundraisers maybe held during the competition to pay for awards.

**Phases of Competition**

1. It is mandatory that all contestants complete or attempt to complete all three (3)

 phases of the competition or be disqualified.

2. The phases of the competition are as follows:

**Interview = 200 points possible**

**Appearance = 200 points possible -** split between Interview & Speech phases

**Public Speaking = 200 points possible**

 **Total points possible = 600**

Whenever possible there will be a minimum of three (3) judges for each phase of competition. Not necessarily the same three judges in each phase.

During the interview phase, half of the poise and half of the appearance phases will be scored. During the public speaking, the other half of poise and appearance will be judged.

**Appearance**

 The Camas Fair Royalty should possess a wholesome all-American image. As a representative for Camas County, royalty attire during competition and while performing their duties must reflect a positive image and be suitable for the age of the individual.

1. During the interview phase the contestants will wear business type attire suitable for their age. Ladies can wear a dress suit, pants suit or summer/day dress. Gentlemen can wear a suit or dress shirt and tie with a vest.
2. During the public speaking phase the contestants will wear formal evening wear suitable for the contestant’s age, consisting of evening gown, floor, tee or below the knee length. No mini-skirts, strapless, backless and/or cocktail type gowns. Young men are to wear tuxedos, western tuxedos, with or without tails, dinner jackets or dress suits.
3. All attire, make-up, hair styles etc., must be appropriate for the age of the contestant and will be judged according to this standard. Hair should not be dyed unnatural colors.

**Interview**

The skill to carry on a conversation with a small group of people is a very important ability for Camas Fair Royalty to possess. Therefore, this program tests that ability in the interview phase of competition.

1. The interview will consist of several spontaneous responses to questions by a panel of judges. Questions will be open-ended type and will range from general information about family, future goals, to current events and Camas County history and fair activities.
2. Interviews are closed from the public and should last 15 to 30 minutes each, no longer.
3. During the interview phase all contestants will be placed in a holding area to await their interview. Once a contestant leaves that holding area to sit for their interview, they will not be allowed to return to the holding are until the last contestant has left for their interview. This rule is in place to stop anyone from learning the interview questions before their interview and to make the competition a fair and equal contest for everyone. No family of friends will be allowed in the holding area once judging has begun.
4. Order of go will be drawn from a hat.

**Public Speaking**

The Camas Fair Royalty may be asked to speak publically during their reign; this is why public speaking ability is an important phase of the program.

1. The public speaking phase shall consist of a well-prepared, 3.5 to 5 minute speech for senior contestants and a 3.5 to 5 minute speech and for junior contestants with an assigned pre-chosen topic. The phase will also include one or two impromptu questions at the end of the speech. Juniors may use note cards, seniors may not.
2. The chairperson will choose speech topic(s) and give them to the contestants at least one month prior to the speech phase of the competition. Each group of contestants will be given a general speech topic that may be different from another group. For example: the queen contestants may have a different topic that the king contestants.
3. Speeches should be memorized and not read and will be judged accordingly. Junior contestants may carry 3x5 note cards or have them ready nearby.
4. Speeches should be entertaining, informative and accurate. Speech props maybe used however, props must not be on the stage during the speech of another contestant. Each contestant may have a helper or helpers that assist in placing props before their speech and must promptly remove the props afterwards. Helpers will be given a maximum of two (2) minutes to place props on the stage.
5. Order of go will be drawn from a hat.

**General Completion Rules**

1. During the competition, contestants, parents, coaches and anyone else from the public are not allowed to talk with the judges, with the exception of the interview phase, when the contestant will speak with the judges directly. The only people allowed to speak with the judges are members of the royalty committee. This rule is to insure fairness and maintain a level of professionalism.
2. A contestant’s scores for each phase will be totaled then averaged for a final score. The final score for each phase will be total for a grand total score.
3. If any member of the royalty committee has a relative competing in the competition, they will not be allowed to handle any completed score sheets or assist with score keeping for that contest. They may however assist with a different age group where no conflict occurs.

**Protests**

1. The Royalty protest committee will be the same committee that conducted the program.
2. No person who has children or relatives connected with or competing in the program may serve on the protest committee.
3. Any and all protests on conduct and/or scorekeeping must be submitted to the Royalty chairperson in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the awards presentation. Simply mailing a protest does not qualify for this time limit. A protest must be hand-delivered.
4. A protest fee of $25 must accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned.
5. Judges’ decisions are final and a judge’s opinion is not subject to protest.
6. The decision of the committee will be final.

**Duties**

 All titled royalty will be representatives of the Camas County Fair for the year of their reign and should attend Camas County Fair events and non fair related events. They are required to have an adult chaperon, preferably a parent or guardian. Royalty will not be allowed to handle money at events such as raffles or fundraisers. The Royalty Float at the Camas County Fair Parade is not to be judged.

Royalty shall act as the ambassador of the Camas Fair Royalty Program throughout the year, by promoting the program, answering questions and any seeking future qualified contestants.

**Mandatory events that Royalty must attend are:**

 Camas County Fair Royalty Competition

 Camas County Fair 4-H Public Speaking Competition

Camas County Fair Horse, Dog, Rabbit Shows

 Camas County Fair Exhibition Hall Set-Up

 Camas County Fair Thursday Evening Events

 Camas County Fair Parade

 Camas County Fair Livestock Show

 Camas County Fair Livestock Auction

*This list maybe updated by the Royalty chairperson.*

**Optional events that Royalty may attend:**

 Camas County 4-H Sign-Up Night

Camas Lilly Days and Fishing Derby

Camas 4-H Jamboree

 Camas Rodeo

 Camas Picnic

 4-H Awards Night

 Area special events

 Other area fairs and fair parades