London Strawberry Festival

2024 Royalty Contract

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| 1 | Contestants will compete in the age division according to their age on June 1 of the current year. |
| 2 | Baby divisions: 0-6 months, 7-12 months, 13-18 months, 19-24 months, 25 months-3years There will be one boy and one girl winner in each division. No contestant will be moved to another age division. Babies may live anywhere. Parents must agree to the royalty/parent contracts. Babies will have their photo taken contestant meeting night but do not have to stay for the contestant meeting. |
| 3 | Miss Shortcake is 4 years old & a natural born female. Mr. Shortcake is 4 years old & a natural born male. Contestants/winners must be a resident of Madison, Union, Franklin, Clark, Greene, Fayette, Champaign, Pickaway County or attend a Madison Co. School. There will be one winner for girls and 1 for boys. No contestant will be moved to another age division. |
| 4 | Little Miss 5-7 yrs.       Young Miss 8-10 yrs.       Jr. Miss 11-13 yrs.       Queen 14-18 yrs. The London Strawberry Festival reserves the right to adjust age categories depending on participation. If less than 3 girls enter a category, the oldest contestant(s) from the next younger category may be moved up to compete in the older category. Contestants must be natural born females. Contestants/winners must be a resident of Madison, Union, Franklin, Clark, Greene, Fayette, Champaign, Pickaway County or attend a Madison Co. School. |
| 5 | Contestants for Mr./Miss Shortcake, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, & Queen must attend the entire contestants' meeting with at least one parent/legal guardian (no other adult is acceptable) prior to competition. Sign in & out is required. Failure for both the contestant and parent/guardian to attend the entire contestant meeting will result in disqualification. Photos will be taken before the start of the meeting. |
| 6 | Contestants must agree to the Royalty contract. Parents must agree to the parents and royalty contracts before a contestant may participate in the pageant. Read carefully, this is not a dead title. Winners and their parents will have a VERY BUSY YEAR. |
| 7 | Contestants, other than babies, are required to participate in stage practice prior to judging. This affects their score. Failure to participate will disqualify contestant. |
| 8 | Contestants must be single, never married, and never had children. She cannot live with any partner at the time of application and, if selected as royalty, until after the completion of her reign. This status may not change during the year of reign. If a girl should get married, have live in partner or become pregnant during her reign, title will pass to the next in line. |
| 9 | Contestants, including shortcake, cannot hold any other festival queen or attendant title at the time of the contest. If selected as royalty she will not be permitted to participate in any other festival pageant during her reign. This does not apply to babies up to 3 years old. |
| 10 | Contestants competing in the 14–18 year-old Queen division must remain after competition until the judges have confirmed there is no tie and their decision is final. |
| 11 | Queen division contestants must participate in the parade on Saturday and return to the stage for the coronation. |
| 12 | The year of reign begins the moment of crowning and lasts until the end of the next London Strawberry Festival. Privileges & duties (travel, fundraising, etc.) associated with the title begin at the mandatory meeting on Tuesday following crowning. |
| 13 | Those selected as Strawberry royalty must be willing & able to travel, participate in meetings, fundraising and Madison County events, most of which are evenings and weekends. Parents must have the ability to consistently transport their own daughter and willingness to chaperone and assist with parades/events. |
| 14 | Those selected as Strawberry division queens and attendants must return to the stage after crowning for photos. New royalty and a parent must remain until the end of the queen competition for a crowning night meeting. |
| 15 | New royalty MUST participate in the parade & introductions on Saturday. The parade vehicle will be provided. Parade will be followed by stage introductions and court photos after the crowning of the new Queen & attendants. |
| 16 | Newly crowned royalty and their parents must attend a mandatory meeting to acquaint them with expectations, answer questions about travel, luncheon, etiquette, duties, etc. Dinner is provided for the meeting. Sign in & out is required. Paper work will be presented a. |
| 17 | Newly crowned royalty and parents must attend mandatory training including stage presentation and float training. Photos will be taken of winners at this meeting. Paper work will be notarized. |
| 18 | Attendance is **MANDATORY** for the royalty member and at least 1 parent/legal guardian at both the entire mandatory meeting and entire training. Failure for both royalty & parent to attend either the meeting or training will result in immediate removal from the court and all items received must be returned to the London Strawberry Festival. Alternate will be contacted immediately. |
| 19 | Participating in the London Strawberry Royalty program is an optional activity. If you choose to compete and are selected as a royalty, you need to be committed to the program and follow all rules and expectations. |

Royalty Expectations

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| 20 | All royalty & their families are required to follow **ALL** items in the contracts and crowning folders. |
| 21 | Punctuality is expected at all times. |
| 22 | Notarized medical release forms, liability waivers and all other paperwork must be completed, notarized, and returned to the Queens’ director before any royalty member will be permitted to attend festivals or events and no later than July 15. Those not submitting all paperwork by this date will be removed from court and next in line will be moved up. The Queens' committee requests that other family members and adults traveling with royalty provide a health statement for travel emergency purposes. A copy will be provided to any chaperone traveling with royalty other than own daughter. |
| 23 | There will be additional mandatory trainings, trips, and meetings periodically throughout the year that require the attendance of parent/guardian and/or court member. This applies to all courts, including Shortcake. Failure to attend the entire event, may result in immediate loss of title. You will be given a yearly schedule. Late arrival or leaving early from any mandatory event is not acceptable. Make necessary arrangements with employers and child care to be at entire event/meeting. |
| 24 | Court members need to keep their crowning folder. It must be brought to all meetings. All information must be added to it throughout the year. |
| 25 | An active e-mail is required for communication with the queens’ director and/or board members. Check it at least twice weekly. Many documents are sent as Word or pdf files. Make sure you have the ability to open both types of files. Please, respond immediately (excluding during class, parades, luncheons) to all correspondence (texts, voicemails, emails, etc.) from the queens' director. Please, create an email folder for London Strawberry Festival correspondence. The library has computer and printer access. |
| 26 | All royalty must complete assigned duties throughout the year and during the London Strawberry Festival. |
| 27 | Royalty members give their consent for their photos to be used in publicity of the London Strawberry Festival. This includes, but is not limited, to use on the internet, newspapers, brochures/flyers/print media, magazines and TV. Be aware that many events are broadcast live on TV or radio and have various photographers. Many photos will be posted on Facebook/social media by other royalty & parents. Festivals and most royalty related events are considered public venues and therefore photo release forms are NOT required for use by the photographer. |
| 28 | Any Strawberry Royalty will relinquish her title if he/she competes in another festival royalty contest during his/ her year of reign, regardless if he/she places or not. |
| 29 | Royalty members may compete for Prom, Homecoming Queen, Madison Co. Fair Royalty, division ambassador or in professional type (paid entries, exp. American Co Ed, Nat'l American Miss, American Excellence) pageants & hold this type of title if duties do not interfere with the Strawberry Festival duties or is prohibited by the contract of the other event. Prior written approval from the London Strawberry Queens director is required to compete in any other pageant or to hold a second title. Competitions will be limited & prohibited if they conflict with any London Strawberry related event. The London Strawberry Festival title must be first priority. |

Behavior

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| 30 | Any actions or statements that are detrimental to the London Strawberry Festival or its representatives will result in the loss of title. Behavior is considered from the moment of crowning until the close of the next London Strawberry Festival. This includes anything you may post on the internet or send by any media. |
| 31 | All questions or concerns must go to the Queens’ director. If further discussion is needed, the queens’ committee &/or Strawberry Festival Board will be contacted by the director. Going public or contacting any OFEA official with issues will result in immediate loss of title. |
| 32 | Problems/conflicts/jealously between royalty members and/or family members must not carry into public appearances/events. If a private resolution cannot be reached, the Royalty Director must be notified. Gossip must be avoided. Never let personal friendships, feelings or disputes interfere with duties. |
| 33 | DRAMA, ARGUING & POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED from court members or adults. This is cause for immediate removal from the court. |
| 34 | Be a positive role model at all times, even when not wearing title. |
| 35 | Always be respectful, polite & courteous. Present yourself as a classy, young lady. |
| 36 | The responsibility of the Queen & her entire court is to represent the London Strawberry Festival in a professional manner. A high standard of proper behavior, dress code, and moral conduct is expected at all times. If you are unsure of something, ask the queen’s director, not someone else. |
| 37 | Court members are not be permitted to model lingerie, have any boudoir or other questionable photos taken (selfies, personal or professional). This applies even if the court member is any type of model or company ambassador (exp: photographer ambassador or fashion model). Any modeling or photos of this type will result in her title being passed to the next in line. |
| 38 | Sexting will result in removal from court. |
| 39 | The Queen & her entire court will refrain from the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, vaping and tobacco products. Any usage of such products during her year of reign as London Strawberry Festival royalty will result in her title being passed to the next in line. |
| 40 | The use of profanity, inappropriate slang terms, gestures, & ethnic/racial jokes/slurs is prohibited. |
| 41 | Academics are a top priority. Royalty member must maintain a C average or home school equivalent to travel. Inadequate progress will result in member not being permitted to travel until progress/grades improve as travel time should be spent on study. A copy of grade report with attendance must be submitted to the Queens' director at the end of each grading period via email. Royalty who are ineligible to travel 2 grading periods may be dismissed from the court. |
| 42 | Title must be relinquished if a royalty member is expelled from school/college or is convicted of criminal activity. |
| 43 | If a court member chooses to use/have business cards, they are the expense of the member. Card design & content MUST BE APPROVED by the Queen's director BEFORE cards are printed. |
| 44 | Nothing deemed inappropriate (photos, comments, etc.) by the queens’ director, committee, or LSF board may be posted anywhere on the internet or other social media by a royalty member. When in doubt, ask first. This includes blogs, websites, MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, TikToc, Instagram & other social media. |
| 45 | The name of the London Strawberry Festival or any of the royalty titles may not be used in any way as part of your social media name or in any payment/fundraising apps. This includes but is not limited to Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, cash app, Venmo, Paypal. These names/titles are reserved for use by the festival itself. |
| 46 | Do not post personal information or your exact travel plans due to safety concerns. Queens’ director must be given access to your posts. You must be willing to accept friend requests from the directors for the entire reign. Do not post anything derogatory, questionable or that can be taken out of context. Check photos carefully before posting. |
| 47 | Any court member, regardless of age, who is stomping, arguing, pouting, whining/crying, or displaying other inappropriate behavior will be required to remove title and leave the event without attendance credit. Title will be revoked if a court member has been asked to leave 2 different events. |
| 48 | Refusal to follow directions will result in loss of title. |

Fundraising

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| 49 | All court members must actively participate in fundraising. Fundraising options will be presented no later than the September mandatory meeting. |
| 50 | All court members must work in the shortcake tent at least 2 hours. They need to recruit and schedule volunteers to cover at least 3 hours in the shortcake tent or the info booth. |
| 51 | Each court member must obtain a minimum of $300 in royalty sponsorships by June 1. |

Appearance/Dress Code

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| 52 | Royalty must look professional at all times when in title. |
| 53 | Be sure all clothing is properly fitted, clean, wrinkle-free & not damaged. |
| 54 | Mr. Shortcake must wear dress pants, dress shirt and shoes. No boots or tennis shoes. |
| 55 | All court members are expected to wear a formal dress or gown (floor length, not more than 1” off floor) with proper undergarments, dress shoes, tiara/crown & sash when representing the London Strawberry Festival. Queens’s director will notify royalty members personally when there is an exception to the dress code due to the nature of an event or weather. Avoid deep plunging necklines, skirts split more than 3 inches above the knee, bare stomachs or sides and anything see-through. |
| 56 | Royalty members need to color coordinate clothes being worn when in a parade together. The outfits do not have to match but should not clash. |
| 57 | White, fleece capes must be worn in cool weather. Capes and white gloves will be provided. No other capes are acceptable. Sweatshirts, hoodies & jackets are not acceptable outerwear at any time with the title. Hats are not acceptable with crown/tiara. |
| 58 | Winter events require black dress pants (not jeans or leggings) and a red or white sweater or blouse. Thermal wear or blouses under sweaters must not be seen, even at the bottom of the sweater. The queen & her attendants may opt to wear a black suit with red or white blouse (decide together). Winter attire will be needed by the end of September. |
| 59 | Girls may change into dressy, casual clothes to walk around events after their duties are completed, however, formals are preferred. Short skirts cannot be more than 3 inches above the knee and shoes should go with the dress and be comfortable for walking. Travel shirts will be available. |
| 60 | Dressy, casual clothes, that are school appropriate, may be worn during travel to and from an event. No sleep wear or sweats/workout wear may be worn. |
| 61 | Tank tops, T-Shirts, bare stomachs, leggings, clothes with printing, holes or that are faded are prohibited with title. |
| 62 | Absolutely no bare feet. Flip flops, tennis shoes/sneakers, & boots of any type are not to be worn with formals or titles. Avoid stilettos/heels or wedges more than 3 inches. |
| 63 | No visible tattoos. Tattoos must be coverable by appropriate clothing or blended makeup, not bandages. |
| 64 | Make-up must be natural. Avoid heavy eye makeup (raccoon eyes), fake lashes, bright red or very dark lipstick, black/blue/orange/garish nail polish on fingers or toes. Be sure nails are clean, shaped & free of chipped/peeling polish. Polish & make-up must compliment your attire. |
| 65 | Avoid unnatural hair color dyes (blue, pink, etc.) and extreme styles when wearing title. |
| 66 | Hair and make-up must be finished before arrival at any event. |
| 67 | Make up, hair, clothing & jewelry are subject to approval from the Queens’ director. Failure to follow appearance/dress code will result in royalty member being required to remove title until she is able to change or being sent home without credit for attendance. |
| 68 | Good personal hygiene is mandatory at all times during year of reign. Avoid greasy/messy hair, body odors, bad breath and odors from touching animals or fueling vehicles, etc. Keep items available in vehicle to freshen up. |
| 69 | Sunglasses are not to be worn during parades or on stage. |
| 70 | Accessories (jewelry, handbag, etc.) must compliment outfit, not detract from it. Avoid very large pieces. |
| 71 | Charms placed on the royalty charm bracelet must be from an event you personally visited as a London Strawberry Festival representative. Charms unrelated to your reign or from events/festivals you did not attend are not to be put on your bracelet. It is to show where you traveled. Some events/festivals do not offer charms or buttons. |
| 72 | Sash may have royalty members name embroidered on the back at the expense of the royalty member. This will be done at one time so all names are positioned & sized the same. If the sash is damaged or relinquished for any reason after being embroidered, the royalty member must pay $60 for its replacement within 15 days. |
| 73 | Sash may not be signed by anyone, including celebrities, unless hidden on the inside, back of the sash. If signature is visible, you must immediately remove title & pay for the cost of sash replacement ($60). You will not be permitted to wear title until sash is replaced. Getting a photo or autograph book/paper signed is a better option. |
| 74 | Buttons, badges, pins may be worn on the BACK of the sash. These must be limited to those related to your current reign. Your title may not be covered in any way. A few crown & strawberry pins may be worn on the front at the top or bottom of the sash but cannot be placed anywhere below “London” or on the sides of sash. You will be required to remove excessive pins (more than 6) from the front of the sash. Photo buttons, and buttons or pins from other events may not be on the front. Do not wear event buttons from previous years. |
| 75 | Do not make buttons/pins for your sash using the name of any other event. |
| 76 | The crown or tiara is to be worn on the top of your head, not sitting on the back of your head or angled backward. |
| 77 | Crown must be pinned secure enough not to bounce or slide. Pin crowns through loops only, to avoid damaging the crown. If clips, combs or elastic are used to help secure crown, they must match hair color & be HIDDEN by hair; approval is required from queen’s director. If anything, other than bobby pins, is visible, you will be required to remove them. Any visible hair accessories (bands, bows, etc.) are cannot be worn with tiara/crown. Hair needs to be secured with bands or pins that blend with hair. |
| 78 | Royalty must wear the crown or tiara received at crowning. Royalty is not permitted to purchase or wear a different crown/tiara or sash. If crown/tiara or sash is lost/damaged, it must be replaced with identical item at cost of royalty member. Damaged items may not be worn. Contact director immediately if you notice a loose or missing stone as it can be replaced. Babies are not to purchase or wear a tiara or crown; sash may be worn by babies only if presented at crowning. No alterations may be made to the sash or crown. |
| 79 | The sash & tiara/crown should be kept in a container, cushioned with bubble wrap that will protect them from becoming damaged or soiled during travel. Crowns/tiaras are very fragile. London Strawberry Festival will not pay for replacement or repair of damaged items. Do not wear soiled sash. (Sash is washable.) |
| 80 | The royalty title is to be used only to represent the festival. It is not to be loaned to anyone or used as part of a costume. It may never be worn as part of another title, during reign or after completion of reign. |

Travel Requirements

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| 81 | Royalty must be willing and able to represent the London Strawberry Festival at many other statewide festivals. Royalty is expected to participate in other promotional activities representing the London Strawberry Festival such as pageants, luncheons, parades, speaking engagements, interviews, community service projects, etc. Most of these events/festivals will be on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. May through October are very busy months. There will be some events in the winter, especially around the holidays. Some events are restricted to specific court members, meaning not all members will be permitted to attend. All royalty, except queen, must complete travel requirements by January 1, keeping in mind most of the close events will be over. |
| 82 | The queens' director reserves the right to determine who may attend any event. |
| 83 | Travel may be limited to only events chaperoned by the queens’ director. Others may not be permitted to chaperone events. |
| 84 | Older royalty will help keep an eye on younger royalty during parades, on stage & during the luncheon for safety. However, royalty cannot baby-sit younger court members at events. Each royalty member has her own duties and wants to enjoy the event. |
| 85 | The Queen must participate in 25 events, including at least 15 luncheon & parade combinations. Most of these should be OFEA events. The Queen is expected to attend the luncheon, other planned events, participate in the parade, and speak on stage. 20 events, including 10 luncheon parade combinations must be completed by January 1. All 25 events must be complete by June 10. |
| 86 | The queen first & queen second attendants must attend 15 events, including at least 7 luncheon & parade combinations. Most of these should be OFEA events. All events must be completed by January 1. |
| 87 | The Jr. Queen must participate in 15 events, including at least 5 luncheon & parade combinations. Most of these should be OFEA events. All events must be completed by January 1. |
| 89 | Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr, Young & Little attendants are required to attend 7 events, including at least 1 luncheon & parade combination. All events must be completed by January 1. |
| 90 | Mr. & Miss Shortcake are required to attend at least 3 of the following events: Any London parade/event, Safety Expo, Arts Festival, London First Fridays, London Old Fashioned Christmas, West Jefferson Christmas, West Jefferson 4th of July, Ox Roast, Plain City 4th of July, Plain City Steam Show, Christmas Under the Clock, Relay for Life, South Vienna Corn Festival, South Charleston Heritage Days, Summer Jam. Attending the Ox Roast luncheon is strongly encouraged so they know what to expect at our luncheon. Special written/e-mail permission from the Queens' director must be obtained to attend any other event. All events must be completed by January 1. They are not required to contribute to the gift bags. Riding on the float will be at the discretion of the Queens' Director. |
| 91 | All royalty members are encouraged to continue traveling until the end of their reign after requirements have been met. Any court member not completing his/her travel requirements will be removed from court. |
| 92 | Royalty will keep their own name signs; each will be responsible for bringing them to events. New signs will be ordered every year by the Queen's director for each royalty member. Cost is the responsibility of the family & must be paid at the first mandatory meeting. No other signs may be ordered or used. Royalty member causing damage or loss to personal sign, OFEA sign/cling ($20 each) or festival sign ($60 each) will be financially responsible for its immediate replacement. Cold & folding will crack signs. Sliding signs on vehicle will scratch paint. Signs are only to be used during parades then removed. Magnetic festival signs will remain with the Queens' director or float. If the Queen's director does not attend an event, the parents are responsible for picking up and returning the needed signs. Queen's director may determine how long signs may be in royalty member's possession. |

Invitations and Registrations

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| 93 | The Queens' director will make all contacts and registrations with other festivals and events. Do not participate in an event without permission of the director. No one else may contact other events or make reservations. |
| 94 | All invitations to another event/festival received, belong to the London Strawberry Festival and must be given to the Queen's director immediately. No invitations are to be kept for an individual. After the event, the highest-ranking royalty member attending may request the invitation for scrapbooking. |
| 95 | Events, meetings & deadlines are posted on the web site. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check the site & meet the deadlines. The Queens’ director is not responsible for calling you or for reminding you of deadlines, meetings or events. If you miss the posted deadline, you will not be permitted to attend the luncheon or parade. **LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**  Check the web site weekly for updates, any changes, and before leaving for an event or meeting. [www.londonstrawberryfestival.com](file:///C:\Documents%20and%20Settings\Administrator\My%20Documents\Queens%202011-2012\) Hover over “Royalty” then click “Royalty schedules/deadlines” from dropdown. Payment must be to director by 9PM on the day of the deadline. |
| 96 | If several festivals/events occur simultaneously, the Queen and court may be asked to attend separate events with their parents/director. |
| 97 | Travel expenses (meals, gas/mileage, rooms, souvenirs, etc.) are the responsibility of your family. |
| 98 | The Queen's meal at luncheons is usually free. Sometimes a festival will permit the next highest-ranking court member to have the free meal if the Queen does not attend. Some luncheons do not offer free spots. Younger queens, shortcakes, attendants, and parents must pay for their own meals. |
| 99 | The queen or person taking the free spot must register with the queens’ director by the posted deadline. There are no free chaperone/parent spots. |
| 100 | Many festivals limit the age of the royalty who may attend their event and number of adult chaperones. Do not ask for exceptions. |
| 101 | There are a few events that are only open to the little courts and do not allow older courts. If free spots are offered, the same guidelines apply as with the older girls’ luncheon. |
| 102 | Luncheons are for current royalty and their adult chaperones. Do not take friends or extra people. |
| 103 | The London Strawberry deadline to submit your registration will be earlier than the deadline on the invitation from the host to ensure mail delivery time. Register no more than 2 weeks prior to the posted deadline as schedules often change. Do not submit long lists of events planned. |
| 104 | Royalty and parents/chaperones must submit luncheon payment to the Queen's director by the London Strawberry Royalty deadline posted for the event to be included on reservations. Payment must be made to London Strawberry cash app, labeled for the event, or by check/money order made payable to the hosting event. Walk ins are rarely accepted. If you did not pay, you may not enter the luncheon due to space limitations at most events. This applies even if you do not eat. |
| 105 | Royalty only attending parades must still notify the Queen's director by the London Strawberry Royalty deadline. Royalty not meeting the deadline will not be permitted to participate in the event. |
| 106 | No shows create problems for everyone & must be avoided. Keep your calendar current. Check your schedules, including athletics/cheer/school/groups/family, etc. and transportation BEFORE registering. |
| 107 | If you have a conflict arise between registration date and event date or know you will be late, let the Queens' director know as soon as possible. |
| 108 | If a problem occurs during travel, please, call others attending to let them know, as well as the queens’ director. Store director, board, court and parent phone numbers in your cell phone for emergencies. |
| 109 | If a cancellation for an event is necessary (illness, emergency, inclement weather, transportation, family commitment, etc.), the Queens director, not other court member/parent, must be called prior to the event to be excused. |
| 110 | If Queen/person taking free spot registers and is a no show at two events, the London Strawberry Festival will require her to give a $35 deposit via cash app to be used if she is a no show at a future event or to reimburse the next royalty member in line that attended the event in which the free royalty member was a no show. The deposit is required before she will be permitted to register for more events. |
| 111 | Failure to show up at an event for which you registered on two occasions will result in suspension of travel privileges for a specified period of dates. The third no show may result in loss of title. |
| 112 | Refunds cannot be made after the reservation is mailed to the hosting festival/event. If a court member or chaperone has paid to attend an event but cannot attend, it is usually ok for someone to go in that person's place. Ask the director first. A refund must be given to the person who paid the registration by the person filling in. |
| 113 | Appearances of royalty as London Strawberry Festival representatives must be approved by the Queen’s Director ahead of time. In the event of a spur of the moment appearance request, royalty members are asked confer with parents/chaperone and avoid any appearance that might be controversial or in any way detrimental to the London Strawberry Festival. If time permits, call the queens’ director. If she cannot be reached, call another LSF Board member. The Queen's director must be notified within 24 hours or sooner of appearance. |
| 114 | If going on vacation, you may take your title and appropriate dress code outfit. If you come across an event you want to visit while traveling, contact queens’ director right away. Walk arounds will generally be approved. |

Transportation

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| 115 | The Queen's director is not required to attend any event, provide any transportation, or purchase any items for the royalty. The Queen's director is to coordinate activities. Surprise event visits may be made. |
| 116 | The Queens' director may travel with the court or provide occasional transportation. However, this is a special time for the royalty member and should be shared by her family. |
| 117 | All drivers must be at least 21, have a valid driver's license and current insurance. No one may ride on hood or roof without sunroof/t-roof. This includes rented, borrowed or personal vehicles alone or pulling float. |
| 118 | Insurance is the responsibility of the driver. |
| 119 | The float may be used in parades instead of cars in local events and when more than 4 royalty travel to an event. Float requires 2-4 adults to set up. The float may by pulled by the Queen’s director, festival representative or parent. It requires a 2-inch ball hitch. A fire extinguisher & first aid kit must travel with the float and be accessible to the driver during the parade. When the float is used, all LSF royalty participating must ride on it. |
| 120 | The person pulling the float is responsible for coordinating the decorating/setting up the float and for removing items without damage. Decorations & skirting must be removed & float tarped before transporting the float. Parents of all royalty members riding on the float must help with set up and tear down. Arrive on time, not half way through line up. Do not "drop off & run." |
| 121 | Royalty need to arrive “parade ready”. During line up, royalty should be socializing with each other and other courts, not just sitting on the float or car. Be on the parade vehicle about 15 minutes before step off. |
| 122 | The royalty members' parents are responsible for most travel. This includes obtaining/providing appropriate transportation to and from an event or festival and for parades. Coordinate with the Queens' director for number of royalty attending, as all court members must ride together in a parade, using 1 vehicle. |
| 123 | Vehicles are not to be decorated with paint or chalk or have a business wrap/magnet. |
| 124 | Jr. & Miss courts may travel with other London Strawberry families on an occasional basis. |
| 125 | Little & Young courts must travel with a parent/guardian or one of three people specified by the parent for entire year (only 1 can be unrelated). |
| 126 | Shortcakes must travel with a parent/guardian. |
| 127 | If any problem or issue occurs during travel without parent, this privilege will be immediately revoked, regardless of age. |
| 128 | If a girl rides to an event/festival with someone other than her own parent, she must have written permission from her parent. She must return with that person unless otherwise stated in the permission letter. This is a privilege, not a right. Royalty member must respect and abide by the decisions of her driver & chaperone. Don’t assume you can ride with someone else without asking. If you have scheduling restrictions, be sure to mention those before traveling with another family/person. Respect the judgment of driver/chaperone/escort while in their custody. |
| 129 | Boy/girlfriends, regardless of age, may not provide any transportation to or from any event and are not acceptable chaperones for the royalty. If a boyfriend/girlfriend does attend an event, the royalty member must in no way ignore her responsibility to the London Strawberry Festival or hosting festival/event. No public display of affection will be tolerated by any court member. The court member must never arrive or leave any event with a boy/girlfriend unless accompanied in the same vehicle by the court member’s own parent. |
| 130 | The queen’s director will take each court on one age appropriate, mandatory trip. The court members are required to ride together with the director. No other parents or family member/friends will be permitted to attend this trip. It is designed as a court bonding experience. Due to the age & need for car/booster seats, Mr. & Miss Shortcake & Little court will meet the director at the designated place. Parents are permitted to attend with Mr. & Miss Shortcake & Littles. Parents attending must step back and allow the Shortcakes & Littles to bond with each other & directors. It is preferred that parents of Shortcakes & Littles disappear from sight but remain at the event site. Failure to attend & follow guidelines will result in a 1-month travel suspension. Detailed information for the mandatory trip will be provided to each court involved prior to their specific trip. |
| 131 | If a royalty member will be driving to an event without an adult in the car, the Queens' director must have written permission from the member's parent(s), regardless of age. Royalty member may not drive to any event outside Madison County other than the South Vienna Corn Festival, Plain City Steam Show & other Plain City events. Special written arrangements can be made if a royalty member leaves Madison County for college. |
| 132 | No royalty from any other event, festival or pageant may ride on the same vehicle/float with any London Strawberry Festival royalty. This applies even if royalty members are related, regardless of whose vehicle is being used. The Queens’ director is the only one who may grant an exception to this on a rare occasion. |

Events

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| 133 | Valuables & electronic devices should not be carried when traveling. Personal possessions are the responsibility of the court member, not the chaperone, London Strawberry Festival, or the event attended. Use name & labels on everything! Be sure to include your name and London Strawberry Festival, not your personal address. |
| 134 | All London Strawberry Festival royalty attending a luncheon must sit in reserved seats or sit together as a group, if possible. This does not mean that you can’t sit with friends on other courts. SOCIALIZE! |
| 135 | If a young court member needs help during the meal, other than in the buffet line, she should not attend the luncheon. |
| 136 | Royalty are expected to socialize with each other and with royalty from other courts. |
| 137 | Chaperones must not be seated with royalty. Young siblings/babies/toddlers should not attend luncheons. Please, make other arrangements for them. |
| 138 | Cell phones must be turned off or on vibrate & not visible during parades, luncheons, or while representing the festival. They must never be used during a parade or luncheon. Be polite & courteous to those with you. |
| 139 | Cell phones may be used ONLY to take photos-no posting to social media, sharing, sending, etc. can be done during the event. Be sure to have charger available in vehicle. |
| 140 | Do not be greedy by taking extra luncheon bags or gifts. Do not take centerpieces/decorations unless told to by hosting event (sometimes given as gifts/door prizes). |
| 141 | Be respectful during luncheon. Absolutely no texting or phone calls. Do not socialize or talk during speeches. |
| 142 | Restrictions/rules of other events or festivals will be followed when traveling. |
| 143 | Do not make a mess or destroy anything. Clean up after yourself & put trash in cans. |
| 144 | Travel may be suspended any time for inappropriate behavior for any or all court members. Length of suspension will be determined by the queens’ director and may be for the remainder of the year. Travel may be limited to only events chaperoned by the queens’ director. This can affect your ability to complete your requirements. |
| 145 | Court members are expected to participate in parades, not just attend luncheons or walk around. Be publicly visible & make friends with court members from other festivals. Members may get credit for an event without participating in a parade by permission only. |
| 146 | Royalty must never to take off alone and must always let the chaperone know where they are going. If you get separated from the group and cannot locate the others, you may use your phone or go to the info booth or contact a host official, or police. Court members, regardless of age, will only be released to an adult over 21. |
| 147 | Keep a travel log of events attended with photos. This will be required to verify events attended. |
| 148 | Photos are required as proof of attendance. The royalty member must be in the photo at a recognizable site (sign, stage, luncheon) while at the festival. Photo-shopped photos are not acceptable. Photos will be used for slide show. Visit & explore the event. Do not snap photo and leave. Photos need to be shared with the Queen’s director via our private royalty group within 7 days of attending the event. Make sure settings allow photos to be shared publicly. |

Awards

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| 149 | Awards (ribbons, cash, trophies or other items) from other events given to the festival will remain property of the London Strawberry Festival and must be given to the Queens' director immediately. Monetary awards will be applied to the Queens' program. At the end of reign, ribbons, trophies, plaques or other items may be given to the highest-ranking court member attending the event. If an individual award (spirit, costume, congeniality, etc.) is presented, the royalty member may keep it but must notify the Queens' director. |
| 150 | Monetary awards/scholarships, if offered, will be held until the successful completion of reign. Royalty member must provide her social security number to the Queens’ director to receive scholarship. Court members failing to provide social security number will forfeit the scholarship. Scholarships will be available 2 weeks following the festival. This is to ensure that all duties are complete; all festival items are returned to the festival. Babies & shortcakes will not receive scholarships. Any monetary awards not picked up by August 31 will be forfeited. Scholarships are NOT promised. |
| 151 | Royalty members will be permitted to keep tiara/crown, sash, pins and gifts received as a memento of their reign upon its completion. Pass down items must be given to the director prior to the start of the pageant. |
| 152 | Special recognitions may be presented by the London Strawberry Festival to our royalty & parents. |

Relinquishing Title

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| 153 | Failure to abide by these guidelines or any one infraction of the contracts or duty assignments may result in a mandatory appearance before the board, loss of scholarship (if offered) and forfeiture of title. |
| 154 | Should a member quit during reign or is removed from court, all prizes (tiara/crown, sash, scepter, charms, pins, pass-down items, etc.) and gifts received must be returned within 15 days to the queens’ director. Current replacement cost of the sash must be paid if embroidered with member’s name. Items collected during travels may be retained. |
| 155 | Infractions, problems or failure to complete duties that occur as late as the outgoing court’s last day may result in loss of privileges such as luncheon, final parade, or ability to be crowned as incoming court, and scholarship, if offered. |
| 156 | Any royalty member that does not successfully complete her reign for any reason, will not be permitted to compete in any future London Strawberry Festival Pageant. |
| 157 | The family will be held responsible & no one from the family will be permitted to compete/participate until all prizes and gifts have been returned or prize package cost is paid in full at current replacement cost. If 2 members from the same family relinquish their titles, even if during separate years, no one else from that family will be permitted to compete in another London Strawberry Festival Pageant. |
| 158 | Those relinquishing title (either voluntarily or by removal) & family will not be permitted volunteer or handle any money for the festival or royalty for a minimum of 5 years. |
| 159 | In the event that a title is declared vacant for any reason, the tiara/crown & sash will be passed to the next in line who will assume those responsibilities. No alternate will be added to the court on or after September 15. In the event the London Strawberry Queen title becomes vacant after January 1, the queens committee will plan the luncheon with the assistance of entire court. |

Completing Reign

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| 160 | Court members will submit two 12x12” scrapbook pages (side by side, not front/back layout) to the festival to keep. Pages need to be in plastic page protectors. Follow scrapbook guidelines in crowning folder. |
| 161 | All capes, gloves, pass down items, signs and any other festival property must be returned to the festival. |
| 162 | All outstanding fees/money must be paid. |
| 163 | Various duties will be assigned to each royalty member during the festival. |
| 164 | Royalty members who successfully complete their duties & meet their travel requirement may be permitted to decorate a local business window. Business windows will be arranged and assigned to you according to rank & amount of travel. Established window guidelines must be followed. |
| 165 | The Queen & her parents are responsible for organizing decorations and gifts for the Queens’ luncheon at the conclusion of her reign. Outgoing Queen will serve as hostess with the assistance of other court members. Royalty and parents are responsible for assisting in preparations & clean-up for the luncheon. Established luncheon guidelines must be followed. |
| 166 | During the final London Strawberry Festival Parade, the Queen, may choose to ride on a convertible rather than the float. If she chooses to ride on a convertible, her 2 attendants may ride on a convertible or on the float. All other court members will be on the float. |
| 167 | Queen and court must be in attendance during the entire London Strawberry Festival unless excused by the Queens' director. Vacations will not be excused. The royalty must also be on hand to crown the new royalty. The Queen, and all court members will present her pass down pin to the next Queen/Attendant at crowning. |
| 168 | The title of Mr./Miss Shortcake, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, or Queen may only be held once. They must sit-out until they move to the next older division. Attendants may compete again. |
| 169 | Baby winners are permitted to run the following year. |
| 170 | Titles are held for a 1-year term. |
| 171 | The outgoing court will continue traveling in full title to events with registration deadlines prior to the London Strawberry Festival yet have an event date after crowning of new royalty. Outgoing royalty may not wear their title to any events after new crowning for which they did not pre-register. No exceptions. |
| 172 | In the event a past royalty member receives a special invitation to an event after her reign has ended, she may request permission to attended the event wearing sash only; crown/tiara cannot be worn. Permission may or may not be granted based on the individual situation. Past royalty may not, in any way, overstep the current reigning royalty. Past royalty must never speak on stage with current royalty. |
| 173 | Past queens/court members from 2 or more years prior, may attend later events if specifically invited but wearing only the sash, not the crown or tiara. Past royalty should notify queens director of any planned appearances. |

Misc.

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| 174 | The Queens’ contract may be amended during the course of the year at a royalty meeting with the Queens' director, at least 2 board members, and at least half of the royalty members present. All royalty members and their parents must be given at least 2 weeks’ notice prior to the meeting. A vote by royalty/parents is NOT needed to amend the contract. |
| 175 | The judgment of the Queens' director is final in any and all conflicts involving the Queens' program. Rules/guidelines are not open to debate. |
| 176 | This contract is not all inclusive. Decisions of the Queens' director are final. |
| 177 | Any questions that arise about what is or is not appropriate will be determined by the Queens director or board. |
| 178 | All rules apply to Mr. & Miss Shortcake, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, Queen and their courts. |
| 179 | In the event of a long-term public health emergency or pandemic, adjustments may be made to this contract. |
| 180 | All local, state, and national health guidelines must always be followed. |