



# Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival

## RULES & REGULATIONS MISS QUEEN CONTRACT

### I. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN must:
- be between the ages of 17 and 23.
  - a resident of Louisiana.
  - be a citizen of the United States of America.
  - be single, have never been married and must remain unmarried during the term of her reign.
  - not be pregnant, have never been pregnant, not be the adoptive parent of any child, and must remain so during the term of her reign.
  - not be living with someone of the opposite sex or significant other.
  - be and have always been a female.
  - be of good moral character, and not have an arrest or criminal conviction.
  - relinquish all beauty titles and may not enter any beauty contest of any kind during her reign other than Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen's Pageant.
  - have never been the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen.
  - Have never held the title of Miss Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Have never been stripped of a beauty contest title or festival pageant title in the Miss division (approximately 17-24 years old age group).
  - Conform to all regulations set forth by the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL.

### II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is not just a title, it is an honor that comes with a responsibility and a commitment. For one year, you not only represent the ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY Association and Festival, but also the community of Erath as their ambassador at various functions, festivals, pageants, and balls. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is to treat everyone with kindness and respect and always conduct herself with dignity and integrity.
- B. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN must maintain regular contact with the 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Queen's Committee/Directors, either by phone email or text, regarding upcoming events that she will be attending. She should also share photos after each event so that these pictures will be available to publish on the Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July website and Facebook page. Please use the hashtag **#Erath4thofJuly** when sharing photos on Social Media platforms.

- C. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN will be allowed use of the official Miss Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July Instagram Account (**erath4thofjuly royalty**) where she will post positive experiences during her reign and her travels, however, this page must be followed and monitored by at least two members of the Queen's Committee. See social media rules below. This Instagram Account will be passed on to the new queen the following year.
- D. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of her crown, banner, mantle, and train. If damage occurs during the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN's reign she must notify the Queen's Committee/Directors immediately. Any damage caused while in the QUEEN's possession, not including normal wear, will be repaired at the QUEEN's expense.
- E. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN agrees to spend the festival week (June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>) participating in various events at the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL. These events include but are not limited to the Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mass, scheduled television appearances, Fais Do Do Dance Contest, 4<sup>th</sup> of July 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run, Annual Water Fights, Grand Marshal & Queen's Tea/Social, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and the festival. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is expected to be knowledgeable of the ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL, history, events, and contests so she will be prepared to answer questions at appearances.
- F. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of 15 LAFF Events (Pageants/Festivals/Queen's Day, etc.), at least 3 per quarter. Though we also encourage a presence at pageants, attending a LAFF festival is strongly encouraged as part of fulfillment of the queen's contract and obligation. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF July FESTIVAL QUEEN's first obligation at any festival or event is to promote the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL with the public. The Erath Fourth of July Association will reimburse the MISS QUEEN for mileage to these festivals/events at a rate of .67 per mile or the current government rate, with a reimbursement cap of \$500. In the case of queens carpooling together to the same event, the ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN will be compensated only if her vehicle is used for the carpool.
- G. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN will send monthly reports with travel log and appearances to the Queen's Committee. Records must show date, festival or function, and mileage.
- H. When the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN receives an invitation or a request for an appearance, the QUEEN must reply within 48 hours of the receipt or before the deadline, whichever is first, even if she will not be attending.
- I. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is required to attend local festivals/events in our district and stay for the duration of the event.
- J. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN should attend town functions that she is invited to, including but not limited to the Christmas in Erath event.

- K. f. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN agrees to allow the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL to use her information and photographs to promote the festival.
- L. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN agrees that the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL, association, board members, and pageant directors are not responsible for loss of personal belongings, accidents, or illnesses during my travels.
- M. During her reign, the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN will be under the direct supervision of the Queen's Committee. ALL queens under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older when traveling. Anytime a QUEEN must travel overnight out of town, one parent or adult guardian (over 21) must travel with her. No member of the opposite sex, not related by blood, is allowed to travel with the QUEEN unless an invitation in writing is extended to that person or with the express consent of the Festival Board. However, in no event shall that person be housed with the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN during that event.
- N. If the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN accepts an invitation to an event, she must be present during the entire event as called for in the invitation except in cases of illness, death or the express permission of the inviting director or permission of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Queen's Committee.
- O. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is expected to be dressed appropriately. No short-shorts, bare midriffs, or extreme short skirts may be worn. QUEENS should adhere to the "fingertip rule" wherein bottoms should reach the QUEEN's fingertips. We expect you to always look and act your best. It is the decision of the Queen's Committee (not your parents/grandparents) if your outfit is inappropriate, and their decision is final.
- P. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN may not use the title, crown, banner, or their position as QUEEN to promote any commercial enterprise, organization, or political candidate without the permission of the Queen's Committee/Directors.
- Q. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN must inform the Queen's Committee of a minimum of 48 hours in advance if she is going to attend an event and represent the festival.
- R. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN shall be a leader to the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL Teen & Jr. queens on travel arrangements.
- S. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN shall attend the Convention for the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals and participate in all activities pertaining thereto and will compete as a contest in the L.A.F.F. Queen of Queens Pageant. The Erath Fourth of July Association will reimburse her for the following expenses:

- a. Entry Fee for contest
- b. Hotel room
- c. Meals are generally provided by the L.A.F.F organization, otherwise, meal expenses are not reimbursed.
- d. Other expenses as determined necessary by the Queen's Committee.

T. ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN shall not depend on the other festival queens. ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN shall take responsibility for meeting her obligations under this contract. Please communicate with the Queen's Committee if you need anything or have questions.

## **II. PROHIBITIONS, CAUSES FOR REMOVAL AND PENALTIES**

The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN shall not:

- A.) Marry, become pregnant, or be arrested during her reign.
- B.) Use any controlled dangerous substances during her reign.
- C.) This is not a "crown and banner" contract. The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN's conduct matters under this contract whether the queen is in crown, banner, regular clothes, formal attire, and whether at a function as a representative or not. From the moment she is crowned, until she crowns her successor, the queen's actions, behavior, and conduct are a representation of the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL.
- D.) The ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is expected to always act in a lady-like manner. Any conduct unbecoming to a queen while she is representing this festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal. The following constitutes unbecoming conduct:
  - a. Improper moral conduct or disrespect
  - b. Foul or Abusive language
  - c. Physical violence of any degree
  - d. Vulgar body display or vulgar dancing
  - e. No visible tattoos
  - f. Smoking, vaping, or drinking alcohol while representing the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL.  
Please Note: Removal of the crown and banner while attending a festival does not exempt the queen from her responsibilities.
  - g. Illegal drug use
  - h. Failure to abide by a hosting Festival or Organization's rules.
  - i. Failure to work with and adhere to the Queen's Committee/Directors
  - j. Disrespecting the Erath 4<sup>TH</sup> of July board members and/or festival workers
  - k. Poor Attitude

- l. Usage of cell phone during an event for texting, social media, or talking
- m. Disrespecting others on social media
- n. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media.
  - i. All pictures and comments not following these guidelines MUST be taken down.
  - ii. At any time, the festival board reserves the right to discuss with you any content we deem inappropriate.

E. Failure to abide by Queen’s Committee or hosting Organization’s rules.

F. Willful disobedience by royalty, parents, or other associated persons out representing the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL of the instructions of the Queen’s Committee will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate dismissal. The Queen’s Committee is supported by the full force of the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL BOARD.

G. Engaging in ANY acts or activities characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, in bad taste, that do not comply with the rules set forth by this contract, to include gossiping.

H. If the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN breaches any provision of this Agreement, refuses to carry out any service or duty required hereunder, makes a material misrepresentation or untrue statement that causes any warranty or acknowledgment herein to be false, then the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL shall have the right to declare this Agreement terminated and, upon the provision of 24 hours’ notice to the person, ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL may divest the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN of her title and have the sole right to select a successor. Loss of title and the return by the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN all prizes awarded, crown, banner, train, collar, scepter to the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL Board of Directors to the Queen’s Committee within 48 hours after notice of termination.

#### **IV. GENERAL**

The Queen’s Committee/Pageant Directors must clear any exceptions to the above rules in writing.

If any of the above rules are broken, the consequences are at the discretion of the Queen’s Committee/Directors. Consequences may include, but are not limited to not allowing the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN to compete at LAFF, meeting with the festival board, and/or removal of title.

Upon completion of her reign and in fulfillment of obligations, the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY MISS QUEEN will receive a \$500 Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July/J.P. Landry Memorial Scholarship.

The ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY QUEEN further agrees: From the date I sign this agreement until the completion of my reign, I will conduct my activities and life in accordance with the highest ethical and moral standards, and I will not engage in any activity that might bring myself or the TOWN OF ERATH and the ERATH 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL into public disrepute, ridicule, contempt or scandal or might otherwise reflect unfavorably upon the town, festival, or queen's committee members. I agree not to hold the ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL, its' Association and Board Members, Pageant Directors, nor anyone associated with the ERATH 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL responsible for any injury or loss to myself or my personal property while representing this said title. The terms and conditions of the above contract are subject to change and any changes will be presented to the Queen's Committee/Directors for approval and then passed on and signed by the titleholder.

I have read the above and foregoing contract and fully understand the terms and conditions thereof. By signing below I indicate my desire to accept those terms and conditions and be bound by them.

If I break any of the above rules, I agree to forfeit the title and return the crown, banner, and gifts to the Erath 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name)

Erath's Miss 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Queen

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Erath's Miss 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Queen \_\_\_\_\_ date

\_\_\_\_\_ date  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ date

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