



Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival
August 10, 11, 12, 2023
Huber Park
1640 Davidson Dr. Reynoldsburg

To all prospective Tomato Festival Royalty,

The Rules and Regulations for Candidates for the 2023-2024 Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty pageants are attached. The candidates for and the eventual winners of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty titles are required to abide by these Rules and Regulations during their candidacy and during their reign.

The candidate form, contract acknowledgment form and consent agreement form must be signed by the candidate and at least one parent or guardian. The forms must be completed in its entirety and returned to the Royalty Chairperson for eligibility to compete. This contract and the consent agreement will remain in effect during the entire reign. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Brennan at 614.322.6806 or at mbrennan@reynoldsburg.gov

Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty
Rules and Regulations

General

1. All candidates are considered representatives of the City of Reynoldsburg and the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival. Proper, positive appearance and conduct are expected at all times.
2. All Tomato Festival Queen and King candidates must be a student entering high school as a 9th to 12th grader in the upcoming school year and must reside within the Reynoldsburg City School district.
3. All Tomato Festival Jr. Princess and Jr. Prince candidates must be a student in grades 5th to 8th for the upcoming school year and must reside within the Reynoldsburg City School district.
4. All Tomato Festival Little Princess candidates must be a female student in grades 1st to 4th for the upcoming school year and must reside within the Reynoldsburg City School district.
5. All Tomato Festival Little Prince candidates must be a male student in grades 1st to 4th for the upcoming school year and must reside within the Reynoldsburg City School District.
6. The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival King, Queen and Attendant(s) shall be required to complete 40 hours of community service during their reign. The types of service include, but are not limited to: volunteer at Reynoldsburg community events, volunteer within the Reynoldsburg City Schools District, and/ or with local charitable organizations.
7. All candidates must attend the following Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival activities: Parents information session, personal interview competition, festival set up, Opening Ceremony, volunteering during the festival events and final stage competition, etc.
8. The newly crowned Royalty must attend the Festival for the remainder of the event after crowning and additional festival days if applicable. Any conflicts with festival activities must be discussed with the Royalty Chairperson.
9. The Festival Royalty are not permitted to compete for or hold a title in any other festivals or pageants during their reign.
10. All Candidates must be single and must never have been married. You must reside with a parent or guardian and must never have been convicted of any criminal activity. Marriage or conviction of any criminal activity during the reign of the Tomato Festival Royalty shall result in loss of title.
11. Any Candidate arrested for or charged with a felony crime shall be disqualified from competition and immediate suspension of title and participation in the Reynoldsburg

Tomato Festival. Conviction of a felony crime will result in loss of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival title and immediate dismissal from participation as Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty retroactive to the actual date of the felony. Arrest and/ or conviction for misdemeanor crimes by a Reigning Royalty or prospective candidate may result in suspension or disqualification and will be considered on a case by case basis. The reigning Royalty and candidates are expected to self report such arrests or convictions to the Royalty Chairperson. Failure to self report arrests to the Royalty Chairperson is a contract violation and can result in suspension or disqualification.

12. Disciplinary action at school must be self reported to the Royalty Chairperson and can result in suspension or disqualification of title or competition. If the chairperson considers the disciplinary action to be serious. Failure to self report school disciplinary action to the Royalty Chairperson is a contract violation and can result in suspension of title and activities or disqualification.
13. Personal conduct or internet postings of any kind including but not limited to text messages, Facebook, My Space, Twitter, Linked In, Instagram, SnapChat and or any other telephone or electronic media communications that are considered to be inconsistent with these rules and regulations, and/ or support or endorse the use of illegal drugs and/ or alcohol consumption or immoral conduct and/ or any other questionable activity deemed to be inappropriate, shall result in disqualification from competition or loss of title. If you have doubts or questions about the consequences of participating in any activity, contact the Royalty Chairperson for clarification before participating in an event.
14. Contestants for Tomato Festival Royalty are required to represent the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival to the best of their ability. High standards of moral conduct are expected at all times including the competition period. The use of nicotine, illegal drugs, alcohol or other intoxicating beverages, sniffing of chemicals for the purpose of altering ones mental state, or use of profanity shall result in disqualification from the competition and/or in loss of Princess, Prince, King, Queen or Attendant(s) titles.
15. Public displays of affection (this includes holding hands, hugging, and kissing) are not permitted while you are representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival as a candidate, Little Prince and Runner Up, Little Princess and Attendant, Jr. Princess and Attendant, Jr. Prince, King, Queen and Attendant(s).
16. Punctuality is expected at all times. You must be ready to travel 10 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time and must arrive 10 minutes prior to the starting time of any activity.
17. The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty are not eligible to compete for any additional Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival titles.
18. Problems with interpersonal relationships during the competition, or during the reign of the Tomato Festival Royalty should be discussed only with the Royalty

Chairperson.

Fundraising

1. The Tomato Festival Royalty must get permission from the person in charge of the fundraiser/activity and ask if they are permitted to represent the festival while doing so, whether or not they are permitted to wear their crown and are pictures permitted.
2. If the fundraising requires a lot of physical activity, do not wear your crown as it could hinder the performance and work ability. Must still take it with you to allow people to take photos if they choose.
3. With personal service projects, the Tomato Festival Royalty may not solicit donations from the same individuals and businesses that provide the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival with donations. The Tomato Festival Royalty shall have a prepared fundraising document that includes an outline of the event with date, time, location; company or organization that shall benefit for the event; and partners for the event approved by the Royalty Chairperson.

Appearance and Dress Code

1. The Tomato Festival Royalty must maintain a neat, clean appearance at all time when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
2. When traveling to and from any Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival related activity, appropriate clothing is required and may consist of: khakis, dress pants or a skirt, and a Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival shirt or a nice blouse. Solid color jeans or jean shorts with no holes, frays, or worn thin areas may be worn with the approval of the Queen's Chairperson for that event. You will be required to travel to some Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival related activities in formal or business-type attire.
3. Appropriate dress while attending a luncheon and/or parade is formal with sash and crown. Dress/business-type suits can be worn to parades and festivals that occur during the colder months with chairperson approval.
4. Your attire must always meet the following criteria: skirt and dress hemlines may not be above the knee, no slits higher than 2" above the knee, shorts not higher than 2" above the knees, no bare midriffs, no backless shirts, dresses or blouses, a slip or camisole must be worn underneath thin or see-through clothing. Shirts, blouses, dresses and/or gowns must have sleeves or shoulder straps. Dresses and gowns may be partially backless, but may not expose the back any lower than mid-upper arm. All clothing must be clean and pressed. If you are concerned about the appropriateness of your attire, ask the Royalty Chairperson before you wear it to an event.
5. Only dress shoes or dressy sandals may be worn with formal or business-type attire.

6. Visible tattoos are not permitted.
7. Body piercing jewelry or other accessories except one pair of earrings, may not to be worn when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
8. Tomato Festival Royalty shall keep their crown and sash clean at all times and shall store their crown and sash in the crown box when not in use or traveling. Crowns and sashes belong to Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival until the end of your reign. You will be responsible for replacing any lost, stolen or damaged items. You may put two or three crown pins on the front of your sash with the Royalty Chairperson's permission. These must be small and may not obstruct the wording on the sash. You may not put pins, buttons or badges on the back of your sash.
9. Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty sashes and crowns are to be worn in public only when attending approved events.

Awards and Prizes

1. All crowns and sashes belong to the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival until the end of your reign. You will be responsible for replacing any lost, stolen or damaged items.
2. Crowns and sashes cannot be substituted with replacement items. You must wear only the Tomato Festival Royalty identification items that were provided by The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival when representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival.
3. You must complete your reign and fulfill your duties as Tomato Festival Royalty to receive any prizes or awards at the end of your reign.
4. You may not accept any gifts, favors, or money from anyone or any business without permission from the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival. This does not include gifts from family or friends, goodie bags, or door prizes received as part of your attendance at events related to your activities as the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Royalty.

Travel

1. All appearances of the Tomato Festival Royalty must be approved in advance by Royalty Chairperson. It is anticipated that appearances at only local/ area events will be approved (e.g. Bexley, Canal Winchester, Gahanna, Pickerington, and Whitehall).
2. The request to attend any non-scheduled events as representatives of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival must be submitted to the Royalty Chairperson no less than fifteen (15) days before the event registration deadline.
3. Failure to attend a festival or event you have committed to, without proof of a personal, family, or medical emergency, may result in suspension from travel.
4. Participation in activities at events which you are visiting as a representative of the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival is restricted to those related only to your official duties (e.g. tours, luncheons, parades, etc.).
5. The Tomato Festival Royalty must attend the entire scheduled event. Deviations must be approved by the Royalty Chairperson.
6. Cell phones are not permitted to be used by the Tomato Festival Royalty during scheduled events unless approved by the Royalty Chairperson or for an emergency.
7. You must respect the judgment of your Royalty Chairperson as final.
8. You may not invite guests to travel with you or to meet you at events where you are representing the Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival unless approved by the Royalty Chairperson.
9. The Royalty member(s) must immediately notify the Royalty Chairperson of any invitations to attend events, and provide the invitation and other appropriate information to the chairperson.

Parade Conduct

1. Tomato Festival Royalty must remain poised, smiling, attentive and waving to the crowd throughout the entire parade.
2. The following are not permitted during parades: sunglasses, gum chewing, eating, applying makeup, removing footwear, excessive talking with each other, or standing in a moving vehicle/float unless properly using restraints built into a float which was designed for the riders to stand.
3. The Tomato Festival Royalty shall vigorously interact with the crowd.

(Example: Thanking someone for a compliment or responding to a child that spoke to you.)

4. The Tomato Festival Royalty shall ignore any negative comments made by spectators. Do not engage with negative spectators. Please contact the Royalty Chairperson for assistance.
5. Cell phones are not permitted to be used by the Tomato Festival Royalty during scheduled events unless approved by the Royalty Chairperson or for an emergency.

Speech Rules When Attending Other Festivals

1. Tomato Festival Royalty shall have a prepared speech approved or provided by the Royalty Chairperson.
2. Tomato Festival Royalty shall thank the inviting Festival Queen/Attendants for the invitation and wish the new court or contestants good luck, when appropriate.

End of Reign Duties

1. The Tomato Festival Royalty shall be present at the subsequent year Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Opening Ceremony and Competitions.
2. Reigning Royalty will crown their successor during the Tomato Festival pageants.