KING & QUEEN COMPETITION

All students and student organizations are encouraged to participate in the annual King & Queen Competition. Contestants will compete in both Theme Wear and Semi-Formal “dress” categories. A combined score from the audience and judges will then determine the top five semi-finalists and these individuals will advance to the Question and Answer round, where the panel of judges will determine the King and Queen based on contestants’ responses. Comedian Dwayne Perkins will be emceeing the event. Compete for the crown or just come watch the show!

COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Each contestant will initially be judged on two different categories of dress: Theme Wear and Semi-Formal Wear. The criteria for judging the dress categories will be:
   
   a. Use of props to accentuate the outfit. No time will be allotted for set-up or teardown of props. Human props and audience handouts are prohibited. Music will be provided for the event and routines should be no longer than one minute in length.
   
   b. Coordination of the outfit: Does it look cohesive?
   
   c. Applicability of dress: Does it make sense with the Homecoming theme?
   
   d. Personal attitude (poise): Does the contestant act the part of the outfit? Does he or she look comfortable?
   
   e. Audience Reaction

2. After the dress competition, five semi-finalists in both the king and queen categories will be determined based on a combined audience and judges’ score. Those selected as semi-finalists will participate in the Question and Answer category.

3. Semi-finalists will each draw a question out of a bowl and will have one minute to answer the question. A panel of judges will score the Question and Answer category. The criteria for judging the question and answer category will be:
   
   a. Appropriateness of answer
   
   b. Personal attitude (poise)
   
   c. Audience reaction
4. The judges’ scores from the Question and Answer category will determine who will be crowned. **Judges decisions are final!**

5. In the case of any ties, audience votes will determine the winner.

6. Contestants will lose judges points or be disqualified if they in any way slander or degrade another organization or the university through abusive or insulting language.

**ELIGIBILITY/GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All contestants must be NMU students.

2. A contestant may, but is not required to, be sponsored by a student organization.

3. **A $5 deposit (cash only) must accompany the entry form** and will be returned upon participation in the King & Queen Competition. If a candidate does not participate, their deposit will not be returned. Refunds will be available for pick-up immediately following the King & Queen Competition.

4. Males are eligible for the King competition only and females for the Queen competition only. Each must compete separately. No couple can be judged together on stage at the same time.

5. Entry forms are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, in the Center for Student Enrichment. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

6. A digital photograph of each contestant must be submitted to the Special Events Committee by Tuesday, September 20. Digital photographs can be e-mailed to sec@nmu.edu.

7. There will be a **MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING for all contestants on Thursday, September 22, at 7 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.** All contestants must be present. Representatives may not come in a contestant’s place.

8. Contestants must check-in with the Special Events Committee between 5:30 and 6 p.m. on the night of the competition. **All candidates must be present by 6 p.m. to compete.**

9. The crowning of the King and Queen will take place at the conclusion of the competition. All candidates must be present to win. There will be only one King and one Queen crowned, regardless of divisions.
10. The King, Queen and court (2nd and 3rd place winners) must attend all officially scheduled activities or they will forfeit their title, prizes and points awarded to their sponsoring organization. The runner-up will then be crowned. The King, Queen and court appearances will include the Parade on Friday, September 30, and the Tailgate Party and football game on Saturday, October 1, where they will be announced during the half-time show (including a short half-time practice; the date will be decided after the competition). The King and Queen are encouraged to attend all other Homecoming events and may be asked to attend other events throughout the year.

11. The Special Events Committee reserves the right to disqualify indecent or inappropriate acts. All decisions are final.

12. The King and Queen will each receive 70 points toward the overall score of their sponsoring organization. First runners-up and second runners-up will each receive 65 and 60 points, respectively. Remaining contestants will receive 50 points toward their overall score. Sponsoring organizations will only receive points for one male and one female candidate (place or participation).

13. The King, Queen and court will receive Homecoming t-shirts and cups.