

# NEO Homecoming Court Code of Conduct

Competing for and holding the titles of **NEO Homecoming King, Queen, Mr. & Miss Norse Spirit** is an honor and a responsibility. Throughout the year you will represent NEO at important events both on-campus and in the local community. Due to the vital role you will play on behalf of NEO, the college expects the Homecoming King, Queen, and Norse Spirit contestants and titleholders to comply with the following code of conduct:

- Eligible contestants must be full-time students at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Delegates for Homecoming Queen and King must be students in their sophomore year who have a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Norse Spirit contestants must be students in their freshman year of study.
- Contestants and titleholders will agree to adhere to the directions and rules set forth by the NEO Homecoming Committee.
- All participants and selected titleholders will maintain a professional demeanor that upholds the character, honor and position of respect associated with their position. Entrants should affirm (by signing this form) that they have not or will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morality and convention that would reflect unfavorably on this event or Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, its student body, or student organizations.
- Entrants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, professional manner at all times while representing NEO A&M College. Contestants and titleholders will refrain from participating in malicious or inflammatory speech, both in person, in print and online. Gossip, slander or defamatory speech directed against other contestants, committee members, NEO faculty or staff or Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College will not be tolerated and are cause for immediate removal.
- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Disruptive behavior before, during or after Homecoming events will result in disqualification.
- Contestants and titleholders should remember that social networking site content (Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr, etc.), as well as information on any other website or personal webpage, is considered a reflection upon them and NEO. Entrants who appear in public, in printed publications, or online in a state of partial or total nudity or in a lewd, compromising or sexually suggestive manner will be disqualified.
- Titleholders are expected to maintain a public image that is consistent with the high standards of NEO A&M College. To that end, no public displays of inebriation or intoxication, use of controlled or dangerous substances, indecent exposure, or inappropriate language/behavior will be tolerated.
- Titleholders should refrain from excessive public displays of affection with their companions while officially representing NEO both on campus and in the community. Smoking or drinking alcohol while representing NEO A&M College is expressly forbidden. Appropriate attire is expected of all Titleholders while they represent the college. Bare midriffs, extremely short skirts, excessive cleavage, offensive logo on t-shirts, etc. are all prohibited.
- The commission or charge of a local, state or federal crime, past or present, including arrest without limitation (reckless or drunk driving, possession of alcohol or drugs, or incidents involving minors) is grounds for immediate disqualification or dismissal. Full disclosures of any criminal background history is expected and failure to comply will result in disqualifications.

- Entrants MUST ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS, PRACTICES AND REHERSALS unless given specific written consent from the NEO Homecoming Pageant Chair, Lisa Severe.
- The titles: “NEO Homecoming King/Queen”, “Miss Norse Spirit”, and “Mr. Norse Spirit” are the property of NEO A&M College (Northeastern Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College). Under no circumstance should contestants or Titleholders register any document , email address domain, website forum, registration or other publicly viewed or accessible print, video or other media without complying with the following guidelines:
  - Include a year designation of at least 2 digits -“mnrnorsespirit09.com”
  - Use of a year designation with 4 digits – “Miss Norse Spirit 2010”
- In the event of a Homecoming King/Queen or Norse Spirit titleholder’s removal, the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up shall be crowned in replacement. If the runner up cannot fulfill this obligation, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. in turn shall be offered the title.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and associated eligibility requirements and other NEO A&M College rules may result in immediate exclusion from competition or , if currently a titleholder, the forfeiture of awards and titles.

*I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as stated above. I understand that this will be enforced while I am competing and if selected as a Titleholder, these guidelines will remain in effect throughout my reign as I represent NEO A&M College.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

