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Dear Plowing Association,

Thank you all for your keen interest and responsiveness to our very first International Plowing Match & Rural Expo Princess Competition. We are very excited to meet all of the contestants and please be assured that this will be an experience they will never forget.

With this being the very first competition, we are asking all of the Plowmen's Associations who are planning to send a contestant to please email us at bterpstraipm2017@gmail.com. This information is for us to know how many competitors we will be expecting.

Thank you all,

Barb Terpstra
2017 IPM Princess Chair



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Princesses of the Furrow,

We are very excited to welcome you all to the 2017 Huron County International Plowing Match & Rural Expo's (IPM) very first Princess competition. We have an exciting day planned for you to enjoy at the IPM.

Please find enclosed with this letter a package that contains all documents that will be required to be completed for the Princess of the Furrow Competition at the 2017 IPM.

All correspondence will occur through email. If your email addresses changes between now and the Match, please let us know. All signed documents can be emailed to: bterpstraipm2017@gmail.com.

Competition Day

Due to the full agenda of the day, you must ensure that you are on time and follow the schedule. An automatic disqualification from the competition will occur for tardiness.

Note: All princess competitors must be 12-17 years of age at the day of the Match. If your princess is the age of 18, they will be disqualified.

Accommodations

If you are travelling from a distant county you are responsible for your accommodations. Please check out the IPM website for a full listing of accommodations in the surrounding area, or stay onsite in the 2017 IPM RV Park.

Even though the princess competition is only one day we are encouraging the princesses to attend the Match during the week to be proud ambassadors of your County's Plowmen's Association. While enjoying the IPM, the princesses may encounter some spare time. Included in the package is a consent form of release to permit your daughter to explore the IPM without a chaperone. If you are not comfortable with this, please note it on the form.

Closer to Match time, we will be sending out the "Princess Package" which will include the tentative Itinerary, point system, biography request with pictures, Huron County Princess history, as well as helpful hints. We will also include a Facebook account for the Princesses to "meet" each other before the competition.



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Official Princess of the Furrow Package to follow closer to the Match with Itinerary

Deadline for Submitting Documents: August 5th, 2017

Please fill out all forms and pages requiring information and signatures.

Scan and attach these documents, and attach your Personal Profile and Introduction in an email to:

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Princess of the Furrow Code of Conduct

The Princess of the Furrow program is designed to promote agriculture, the OPA and the IPM, while aiding in the personal growth and development of the participants in the program. In order to uphold the reputation of the OPA, and to positively reflect its activities, the Code of Conduct should be adhered to by all Princess of the Furrow, at both the local and provincial levels.

The following Code of Conduct will be implemented and enforced at all events and functions you are attending as the Princess of the Furrow.

1. Arrive at the assigned IPM gate on time prior to being escorted to the interview site.
2. A chaperone must know where you are at all times during the competition day. Do not leave the event without permission of the chaperone.
3. Be prepared and punctual at all times.
4. Abide by the OPA's harassment policy. Acts of discrimination or harassment due to nationality, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, family, disability, age or for any other reason are unacceptable.
5. Abuse of any nature (emotional, sexual, mental, verbal or physical) directed toward anyone is unacceptable. Bullying and harassment of another Princess of the Furrow will not be tolerated.
6. Act in a manner that will positively reflect the OPA and your Branch Association by being courteous and treating others as you would like to be treated. Respect others and their belongings. Conduct yourself in a responsible and professional manner at all times.
7. Avoid use of profanity and slanderous remarks.
8. Use of all illegal drugs, inhalants or alcohol will not be allowed regardless of age of majority, when attending a function for the purpose of acting Princess of the Furrow.
9. Smoking tobacco in a public while attending an event for the purpose of acting Princess of the Furrow is not allowed.
10. Respect the privacy of others, including personal belongings or hygiene.
11. Use of cell phones and other electronic devices are only permitted during personal time or for emergency use. Electronic devices are to be muted or powered off and preferable left in your purse or with you parents/guardians.



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12. Use of social media is a reflection of you as a Princess of the Furrow. Harmful or slanderous comments made on social media about a fellow Princess of the Furrow, Branch Association, IPM or OPA will result in immediate disqualifications
13. Refrain from any activity that would have the potential to make others feel uncomfortable while attending a function for the purpose as acting Princess of the Furrow.
14. Wear appropriate attire when wearing the Tiera and sash or when attending an event for the purpose of acting Princess of the Furrow. You will be asked to change you attire if it is deemed too casual for the occasion while wearing the Tiera and sash
 - a. No jeans
 - b. No extremely casual clothing (i.e. Yoga pants)
 - c. No shirts or dresses with excessively low cut collars, exposed midriffs, short skirts etc.
 - d. Skirts and dress are to be no more than 1 inch about the knee
 - e. Dress comfortably but professionally. It is acceptable to dress for the weather (i.e. Raincoat, Rubber boots, etc.)
15. If you fail to adhere to this Code of Conduct you will be asked to leave the Princess of the Furrow event and may be disqualified from the competition. This decision is at the sole discretion of OPA.

I, _____ representing, _____

Plowmen’s Association, have read and understand the Princess of the Furrow Code of Conduct I agree to abide by the rules as outlined above. I also agree that if I fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct I will be asked to leave the event and may be disqualified from the competition. I will be responsibility for expenses resulting from a dismissal and/or disqualification. If dismissed early or disqualified, my Branch Association may also incur additional expenses.

 Signature of Entrant

 Date

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date



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Contact and Demographic Information

Contestant Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Plowmen's Association _____



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Medical Questionnaire

Ontario Health Card Number: _____

Medications: _____

Food or Other Known Allergies:

Emergency Contacts

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Relationship: _____



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Princess of the Furrow 2017

Photographic and Media Consent Form

I hereby consent to the collection and use of my personal images by photography or video recording. I acknowledge these may be used on, including but not limited to, the OPA, IPM and the Princess of the Furrow Facebook, websites, in newsletters and publications and social media outlets.

I further acknowledge that my image may be used by OPA, IPM and the IPM Princess Committee and media to promote the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in the future.

I understand that no personal information, such as names, will be used in any publications unless express consent is given. I also understand that my consent can be withdrawn at any time in writing to the IPM 2017 Princess of the Furrow Committee.

I, _____ representing the _____

Plowmen's Association hereby authorize the IPM 2017 Princess of the Furrow Committee, the Ontario Plowmen's Association and the IPM 2017 committee to use my photograph for website, media and social media purposes.

I give this consent voluntarily.

 Signature of Entrant

 Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date



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Consent for Release of Chaperone

I, _____, give permission for my daughter _____ to be released from the IPM 2017 Princess committee to experience the IPM at her own discretion.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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Items to Return

Completed forms returned to: bterpstraipm2017@gmail.com

1. Code of Conduct, signed by competitor and parent/guardian
2. Contact and Demographic Information
3. Medical Questionnaire and Emergency Contacts.
4. Photographic and Media Consent Form.
5. Supervision Consent Form

Due to the nature of some association not having a crowned princess yet, we ask that the forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible from your competition date.

Again please note: All girls must be between the ages of 12-17. We do not want any girls disappointed because they are not within the age requirements.

Can't wait to meet all of the competitors in Walton!