

## **Carnival Court - Rules and Regulations**

To apply to become a Wellingborough Carnival Court member, all entrants must reside in the Borough of Wellingborough. Applicants outside the Borough will not be considered.

### **The Carnival Court – Rules of Conduct**

The following guidelines have been prepared for the selected Carnival Court. All contestants must read and sign acceptance of these guidelines, on the Entry Form, as condition of entry to the contest.

The Association aims to establish standards of behaviour to preserve the dignity of the Carnival. When representing The Association, the Carnival Court should therefore maintain the dignity of their titles and positions.

1. Being ambassadors for The Carnival the Court must, at all times reflect this role by their polite, formal and friendly behaviour.
2. Thank the host for inviting them and remember to say “goodbye” before leaving.
3. Remain seated at the table until after all the speeches have been made.
4. If invited to make a speech, please ensure it is clear and audible.
5. At all times make sure the Court Chaperon knows where you are until the chaperon returns you to your parent/s or guardian/s (this applies to under 18's).
6. No Court member may purchase their own drinks at a public bar.
7. No member of the Carnival Court may smoke or chew gum whilst on Carnival duties.
8. The Court is expected to act in a dignified manner whilst attending functions and may only leave with the consent of the designated chaperon.
9. No swearing. (Even mild swear words are not becoming of Carnival Court titles.)
10. In the event of a problem at a function, always refer to the designated chaperon. Do not enter into arguments.
11. Whilst holding your title, you should not disclose your private address or telephone number. Neither will you make any statement to the press or be photographed by the media. If at anytime a press statement or photograph is required this will be made/organised by a Committee member of the Carnival Association.
12. Personal appearances and official visits will be made only by arrangement through the Court Chaperone. On all such occasions the Court will be escorted to the function and back home again as arranged by the Court Chaperone.
13. During your reign you may not enter any other contests, other than those organised by the Carnival Association.
14. If any member of the Court wishes to discuss any matter, then they should contact the Court Chaperone who will arrange for this to take place at the most convenient time and venue as agreed by all concerned.
15. The Crown of office must be handed to the Court Chaperone for safe keeping after each official duty.
16. The Association will provide the chosen Queen and her Attendants with a dress and sash which should be worn whilst on official duties. The dress and sash may not be worn throughout the year of office unless on official Carnival duties. Court members must ensure that they have a change of clothes if they are to stay at an event after they have completed their official duties as they may not wear their regalia whilst not on official duties.
17. It is the responsibility of the Queen or Attendants to keep the dress clean and presentable for their use during their term of office.
18. It is the responsibility of the Queen or Attendant to ensure that their hair is clean and tidy whilst on Court duty.

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