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Dear Ohio Fair Director:

We are communicating to each of you in regard to the "make-over" the Ohio Fair's Queen Contest will be undergoing this year.

The most significant change is that the contest will be held at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention in January. The event will no longer be held at the Ohio State Fair. By moving the contest we have alleviated the instance of fair related conflicts preventing a contestant in participating in the competition and will allow the OFMA Junior Fair Committee to create the type of elegant and prestigious contest that the Ohio Fairs Queen Candidates deserve.

The Queen you crowned at your 2004 fair will be the Queen you will send to January 2006 Contest. We understand that this seems like a big gap between the time a contestant wins on a local level and the time they compete for the State Title. However, every girl will now be afforded the opportunity complete their year of service to their county before competing at State, allowing them to gain knowledge and experience which will be helpful in obtaining the Ohio Fair's Queen title; this should "level the playing field" so to speak.

With the enhanced program will be a registration fee to assist in covering several of the program costs. The fee, \$75 will assist in covering a Sunday evening pizza reception for each queen contestant, a gift item, a continental breakfast on Monday prior to the judging, as well as a grazing or dinner event Monday prior to the semi-final selection process. In addition family members will be allowed to register on an ala-cart selection method of selecting which functions Sunday or Monday they want to participate in. Tickets will be issued for those selections by

the families or representative based on the registration. All events will be accessible by ticket only Sunday and Monday.

We are encouraging each Fairboard either “sponsor” their candidate’s participation fee or help provide some type of fundraising opportunity for her to help defray this expense, as well as any travel expenses she may incur as a contestant in this program.

To Recap the Ohio Fair’s Queen Contest will be held at the Annual Convention.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Kick-Off Pizza Party Social on Sunday January 1st at 7pm.
- Monday Morning Continental Breakfast Meet and Greet
- Each contestant will have a private interviews with a pair of judges be scheduled in the morning or early afternoon of Monday, January 2nd
- Monday evening the first phase of the on-stage competition will take place at the OFMA President’s Reception. Through this portion of contest the field will be narrowed to the top five candidates.
- Immediately following the announcement of the top five, the selected candidates will be re-interviewed privately by the full panel of judges. No results will be announced Monday evening.
- The top five will each be provided a room at the convention center Monday night, courtesy of the OFMA.
- The announcement of the winners & the crowning of the new Ohio’s Fair Queen will take place at Opening Ceremonies of the Jr. Fair Day at the Convention on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- The new queen will be provided a room for the remainder of the convention, courtesy of the OFMA. She will have the unique opportunity to “shadow” the outgoing Queen if she so chooses.

It is vital that you pass this information on to your current fair queen immediately. Once a signed registration form and the \$75 participation fee have been returned, an application will be mailed directly to your Queen. Applications will be sent in August, all completed applications must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2005. Late applications or registration forms with out the \$75 participation fee will not be accepted, NO EXECPTIONS!

If you have questions regarding any of these changes please do not hesitate to contact the Queen Contest Coordinator, Rebecca Lawson at 419-483-6464, or you can reach her via e-mail at [FivePointeDanceAcademy@msn.com](mailto:FivePointeDanceAcademy@msn.com), (when e-mailing please put *Ohio Fair's Queen* in the subject line). Be assured your questions and concerns will be addressed as quickly and clearly as possible.

Sincerely,

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