



## **Welcome and Congratulations,**

On behalf of the Directors of Das Festival of Kendall, we are excited to welcome each of you as you begin this fun and memorable journey. While this court is a new addition to our festival, this tradition has been part of Kendall County for many years. By the end of this experience, you will be able to look back and know that you have been a part of Kendall County's history and culture. Each of you plays an important role in the success of Das Festival of Kendall, and we hope you take great pride in being a member of this special team.

This manual is designed to help guide you by explaining expectations and outlining the commitment you are about to take on. It covers many of the responsibilities and guidelines for members of Das Festival of Kendall Court. Please take time to review it carefully, as it will answer many questions about your role. If you have questions that are not covered in this manual, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am always happy to help.

We have done our best to clearly explain the policies and procedures included in this manual. However, there may be times when changes are necessary. Das Festival of Kendall Board of Directors reserves the right to update policies or procedures when needed.

We truly hope this year will be filled with wonderful memories, meaningful experiences, and lots of fun.

Again, congratulations!

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## **Das Festival of Kendall Court Code of Conduct**

Das Festival of Kendall Court consists of five (5) members for the 2026–2027 reigning year: Das Festival Queen, Das Festival Princess, Das Festival Duchess, Das Festival Junior Queen, and Das Festival Mädchen Queen.

Das Festival of Kendall Court will hereafter be referred to as the “Court.” As a member of the Court, you are expected to conduct yourself with dignity, respect, and integrity at all times. You represent both Das Festival of Kendall and Kendall County. Each member should recognize the honor and responsibility that comes with being selected to serve on the Court.

Serving on the Court is a position of leadership and representation and should always be treated as such. Your conduct must remain above reproach at all times, whether you are participating in parades, community events, business events (such as Chamber Mixers), at school, or during your personal time. Any conduct considered unbecoming of a Court member may be grounds for removal from the Court.

## **Responsibilities**

- Your reign begins on the day of your selection and continues until your successor is selected. Court members must be available to serve for the entire reigning year.
- Court members are expected to ride on the Das Festival float and appear at scheduled events and functions. A calendar of events will be provided; however, additional events may arise with short notice. Court members will be notified as soon as possible when these opportunities arise.
- The Court will participate in parades in Boerne and surrounding communities.
- Court members will be required to meet the Court Directors at designated times and locations for out-of-town parades. Parents or guardians of Mädchen Queen are responsible for transporting their child to and from parade locations. Older Court members may ride with the Court Director or a designated Board Member if they choose.
- Court members must also be available to participate in community service events and activities throughout the year.
- Das Festival Queen will be expected to assist the Court Director by helping communicate event details, including schedules and required attire to fellow Court members.

## **Dress, Appearance, and Grooming**

- Court members are required to wear the official German costumes, sashes, crowns, hosiery, and shoes at all scheduled events and functions. If alternate attire is required for a specific event, Court members will be notified in advance by the Court Director.
- Court members are responsible for purchasing, at their own expense, any additional clothing or jewelry required for appearances at festivals, pageants, or post-parade events.
- The flower crown serves as the official headdress for the Court. Tiaras are not permitted during any official Court appearance.
- All clothing worn to events must receive prior approval from the Court Director. If a Court member arrives at an event wearing attire deemed inappropriate or unapproved, they may be asked to leave and change. Failure to return in approved attire may be considered grounds for removal from the Court.
- All pins worn on Court sashes must receive prior approval from the Court Director.
- Facial jewelry is not permitted during official events, appearances, or functions.
- All visible tattoos must be covered during official Court appearances.
- Hair color must be a naturally occurring color; however, highlights and lowlights are acceptable.

## **Code of Conduct**

- Court members are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and represent Das Festival of Kendall with dignity, integrity, and respect at all times. The following actions are considered violations of Court expectations and may result in disciplinary action or dismissal from the Court.
- Any Court member cited or charged with Minor in Possession (MIP), Minor in Consumption (MIC), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) will be subject to immediate and permanent removal from Das Festival of Kendall Court.
- Any Court member cited for unlawful acts by a law enforcement agency will be subject to removal from the Court.
- Smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages, or use of any illegal substances is strictly prohibited and will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Withdrawal from school for disciplinary reasons may result in immediate dismissal from the Court.
- Pregnancy or marriage during the reigning year will result in termination of Court membership.
- During the reigning year, Court members may not compete in any other beauty or scholarship pageant without prior approval from the Court Director.
- Court members and parents/guardians are expected to maintain a positive and respectful presence on social media and in all electronic communications, including text messaging and social media platforms. Posting or sharing content that is considered inappropriate, disrespectful, or harmful toward Das Festival of Kendall, Court members, or affiliated organizations may be considered grounds for dismissal.

- Court members are expected to treat one another with kindness and respect. Gossiping, name-calling, harassment, or bullying of any kind—including verbal, written, electronic, or social media communication—will not be tolerated.
- Court members must refrain from public displays of affection while wearing the sash and crown or while attending any Das Festival of Kendall event or function.
- The use of inappropriate or offensive language during events or official appearances is not permitted.
- During all events and functions, Court members and parents/guardians must follow the direction and guidance of the Court Director.
- Relocation outside of Kendall County during the reigning year will be considered a resignation from the Court.
- Missing three (3) or more unexcused events, functions, or parades may result in dismissal from the Court. In the event of illness or emergency, the Court Director must be notified as soon as possible. A parent or guardian note will be accepted as documentation and will be considered an excused absence.
- As representatives of Das Festival of Kendall, Court members are held to a higher standard of conduct. If a Court member finds themselves in an uncomfortable, illegal, or inappropriate situation that conflicts with Court expectations, they are expected to remove themselves from the situation immediately and notify the Court Director. Court members are strongly encouraged to avoid any circumstance that could jeopardize their position on the Court.