



# ULTIMATE PAGEANTS

Inspiring women to be their Ultimate Selves

## OFFICIAL Policies & Procedures

# ULTIMATE PAGEANT COMPETITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Effective Date: 1st April 2025**

These Terms & Conditions apply to all participants (contestants, parents, and guardians) in Ultimate Pageants competitions and events, both in-person and online. By entering or participating in any Ultimate Pageants event, you agree to adhere to the following Terms & Conditions.

## 1. General Participation

### 1.1 Eligibility

To participate in an Ultimate Pageants competition, you must meet all eligibility criteria specified in the competition details. Participants must submit all required documents and information to be considered for entry.

### 1.2 Acceptance of Terms

By registering for an Ultimate Pageants competition, contestants and their guardians agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions, as well as any additional rules and guidelines provided by Ultimate Pageants. Failure to comply with these terms may result in disqualification from the event.

## 2. Payments

### 2.1 Payment Terms

All payments are governed by the **Ultimate Pageants Payment Terms & Conditions**, which can be accessed on our website or requested directly from the Director. Contestants are

required to make full payment according to the schedule outlined in the Ultimate Pageants Payment Terms & Conditions to maintain their entry in the competition.

## **2.2 Late Payments**

Contestants must adhere to all payment deadlines outlined in the Ultimate Pageants Payment Terms & Conditions. Late payments may incur additional fees, and failure to pay by the deadline may result in disqualification from the competition.

## **3. Judging & Results**

### **3.1 Judging Criteria**

Judging for Ultimate Pageants competitions will be based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to Portfolio and Interview performance. The contestant with the highest combined score will be crowned. In case of a tie, the tie-breaking decision will be made at the discretion of the judges or the Director.

### **3.2 Finality of Judging Decisions**

All decisions made by the judges and the Director are final. Contestants and their guardians agree to accept the results of the competition as final and binding.

### **3.3 Feedback**

Competition feedback will be provided upon request and will be shared directly with the contestant or their guardian. Ultimate Pageants will not disclose individual scores or feedback to third parties.

## **4. Code of Conduct**

### **4.1 General Conduct**

All contestants, parents, and guardians are required to follow the Ultimate Pageants Code of Conduct, which ensures the safety, respect, and fairness of the event for all participants. Contestants and their guardians are expected to:

- Treat all individuals involved in the event with kindness and respect.
- Maintain professionalism and respect the decisions of the Ultimate Pageants team, including judges and event staff.
- Avoid any form of bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

### **4.2 Violation of Conduct**

Any breach of the Code of Conduct, whether minor or major, will be addressed as follows:

- **Minor violations** (e.g., inappropriate language, lack of timely communication) will result in one (1) warning.

- **Major violations** (e.g., bullying, harassment, failure to follow event rules) may result in immediate disqualification from the competition, without refund.

#### **4.3 Breach Reporting**

If a breach of the Code of Conduct is observed, the Ultimate Pageants team will take appropriate action, including issuing warnings or disqualifying the contestant as necessary. If a breach is reported by another party, the contestant and their guardian will receive one (1) warning, with disqualification possible after repeated offenses or substantiated claims.

### **5. Expectations of Contestants**

#### **5.1 Preparation Responsibilities**

Contestants are responsible for organizing their own outfits, hair, makeup, and routines, at their own expense. If coaching or guidance is needed, the Director can provide recommendations.

#### **5.2 Stage Readiness**

Contestants must be ready to perform when their name is called to the stage. Failure to perform after three (3) consecutive calls will result in a one (1) point deduction per judge. Prolonged delays may result in disqualification from the event.

### **6. Event Attendance & Entry**

#### **6.1 Access to Events**

Contestants, spectators, and others wishing to attend or participate in an Ultimate Pageants event may be denied entry at the discretion of the business owner. This decision is made to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees.

#### **6.2 Tickets for In-Person Events**

For in-person events, entry is permitted only to those with a valid ticket. Names of all attendees must be provided at the time of ticket purchase.

### **7. Recording & Photography**

#### **7.1 Photography and Videography Restrictions**

No photography or videography is allowed during stage performances by spectators, parents, or other attendees.

#### **7.2 Backstage Photography**

Photos or videos taken during backstage events or off-stage activities are allowed only with the explicit consent of the individual contestant or, in the case of a minor, their parent or guardian.

### **7.3 Social Media Consent**

Before posting any photos or videos on social media, you must obtain consent from all individuals depicted in the content, or from their parent/guardian if they are under 18.

### **7.4 Legal Compliance**

In compliance with Australian law, it is illegal to take photos or videos of others without their consent or the consent of a parent/guardian if the individual is under 18. Any violation of this law will result in immediate removal from the event without refund.

## **8. Health & Safety**

### **8.1 Health & Safety for In-Person Events**

Ultimate Pageants is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of all participants, attendees, and staff at in-person events. The following measures are in place to promote a safe environment:

- Contestants, staff, and spectators must follow any safety protocols or guidelines set forth by the event organizers, including COVID-19 protocols or other public health guidelines.
- First aid services will be available at all in-person events. In case of an emergency, all participants should notify event staff immediately.
- Contestants are encouraged to inform Ultimate Pageants of any medical conditions or special requirements prior to the event to ensure appropriate accommodations can be made.
- If a contestant is feeling unwell or exhibiting symptoms of illness (including but not limited to fever, cough, or fatigue), they are encouraged to stay home and refrain from attending the event in person.

### **8.2 Health & Safety for Online Events**

For online competitions, the following guidelines ensure the safety and well-being of participants:

- Contestants should compete in a safe and secure environment, free from distractions, and ensure that the space they are competing in is well-lit and appropriate for their performance.
- Parents or guardians should monitor online participation, ensuring that no sensitive personal information is shared during online interactions.
- Ultimate Pageants is not responsible for any technical issues that may arise during online competitions. Contestants should ensure they have a stable internet connection and functional equipment before competing.

### **8.3 Emergency Contact**

Contestants must provide an emergency contact upon registration for in-person events. This person must be available in case of any medical or safety-related incidents during the event.

## **9. Social Media**

### **9.1 Official Social Media Accounts**

Ultimate Pageants maintains official social media accounts for event promotion, contestant updates, and community engagement. Contestants and their guardians are encouraged to follow these accounts to stay informed about event updates and important announcements.

### **9.2 Social Media Use by Contestants**

Contestants are encouraged to engage with Ultimate Pageants on social media by sharing their journey, experiences, and event-related content. However, all social media content must adhere to the following:

- Respectful and appropriate language must be used in all posts.
- Contestants should not post offensive or harmful content that could be considered bullying, harassment, or defamation of others, including fellow contestants, judges, or event staff.
- Contestants must refrain from sharing official event scores, judging results, or confidential event information on social media without permission from Ultimate Pageants.

### **9.3 Ultimate Pageants Hashtags**

When posting about Ultimate Pageants events on social media, please use the official hashtags designated by Ultimate Pageants to help build a supportive and positive online community. These hashtags will be communicated by the Director prior to the event.

### **9.4 Online Conduct**

Ultimate Pageants expects all contestants to represent the brand with dignity and professionalism, both during the competition and in their online presence. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary action or disqualification from the competition.

## **10. Privacy & Data Protection**

Ultimate Pageants is committed to protecting your privacy and complying with applicable privacy laws. Any personal data collected during registration or participation in the competition will be used solely for the purpose of event management, communication, and legal obligations. We will not share personal data with third parties without your explicit consent, except where required by law. For more information on how we protect your data, please refer to our Privacy Policy.

## **11. Intellectual Property Rights**

By participating in Ultimate Pageants, you grant Ultimate Pageants the right to use your name, image, video, and other content created during the competition for promotional purposes, including social media, websites, and advertising. Contestants retain ownership of their content, but by entering the competition, you give Ultimate Pageants permission to use your content for such purposes without compensation. If you do not wish to grant this permission, please notify us in writing before the event.

## **12. Event Cancellation or Postponement**

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to natural disasters, technical issues, or force majeure events. In such cases, registered participants will be notified immediately, and any fees paid will be applied to the rescheduled event, or refunds will be processed as per the Ultimate Pageants Refund Policy. Ultimate Pageants is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants as a result of event changes.

## **13. Force Majeure**

Ultimate Pageants will not be held liable for any failure to perform its obligations under these Terms & Conditions if the failure is due to events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, pandemics, governmental restrictions, or other events of force majeure. In such cases, Ultimate Pageants will make reasonable efforts to reschedule or adapt the event.

## **14. Limitation of Liability**

Ultimate Pageants is not liable for any injury, loss, or damage to personal property that may occur during the event. Contestants and their guardians participate at their own risk. By entering the competition, you agree to hold Ultimate Pageants harmless from any claims arising from participation in the competition or associated activities.

## **15. Changes to Terms & Conditions**

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to modify these Terms &

Conditions at any time. Contestants will be notified of any changes prior to the event. By continuing to participate, you agree to the updated Terms & Conditions.

**By submitting your registration, you agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions.**