



ULTIMATE PAGEANTS

Inspiring women to be their Ultimate Selves
OFFICIAL Policies & Procedures

Photography & Media Policy for Ultimate Pageants

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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.

Ultimate Pageants is committed to ensuring a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all participants, families, staff, and media personnel during our events, whether online or in-person. This Photography & Media Policy outlines how images and media may be captured, used, and shared during our events, while respecting the privacy, rights, and well-being of all individuals involved. By participating in any Ultimate Pageants event, you agree to comply with this policy, which ensures that all photography and media use aligns with our standards of integrity, respect, and professionalism.

1. Photography and Videography

- **Official Media Team:** Only designated official photographers and videographers are authorized to take photographs and videos during Ultimate Pageants events. Official media personnel will clearly identify themselves with appropriate credentials (e.g., media badges or wristbands).
- **Guest Photography:** Guests, including audience members, contestants, and their families, are **not permitted** to take photos or videos during the event unless specified otherwise in designated areas or activities.

2. Backstage Photography

- **Permission Required:** Photography is allowed backstage, but **prior consent from other contestants or their parents/guardians is required** before capturing any images that include other participants.
- **Respecting Privacy:** Be mindful of others' privacy. Avoid capturing others in the background of your photos in a way that could compromise their comfort or privacy.
- **Restricted Areas:** Photography or videography is prohibited in areas that are deemed private or sensitive, such as changing rooms, restrooms, or spaces where participants are preparing for stage moments.

3. Photography by Contestants, Parents, or Guardians

- **Non-Stage Areas:** Photography is allowed in non-stage competition areas (e.g., rehearsals, meet-and-greets, off-stage moments), but **prior permission from other contestants or their parents/guardians is required** before capturing images of others.
- **Respect for Event Flow:** Photography should not disrupt the flow of the event or cause delays. Please ensure that photography is done in a manner that does not interfere with the smooth running of the event.
- **Official Media:** Contestants, their families, or guests should not interfere with official photographers or videographers, as they have designated areas and times for capturing content.

4. Consent for Photography and Media Use

- **Consent to Capture:** By participating in Ultimate Pageants events, all contestants, attendees, and staff members consent to being photographed and/or filmed. These images and videos may be used in promotional materials, on social media platforms, and in event recap videos. This consent is granted indefinitely unless revoked in writing.
- **Use of Media for Contestants and Winners:** Ultimate Pageants may use images and media of contestants, including national finalists, winners, and participants, for promotional purposes. These media may be used on websites, social media, advertisements, press releases, or other promotional materials.
- **Request to Not Use Media:** Contestants or their guardians have the right to request that specific images or videos of them not be used in public materials. Such requests will be considered at the discretion of Ultimate Pageants. All requests must be made in writing to the event organizers for consideration.

- **Media Use in a Positive Light:** All images and media captured during Ultimate Pageants events should be used in a **positive, respectful, and uplifting manner**. Media should reflect the values of Ultimate Pageants, emphasizing empowerment, positivity, and respect for all individuals involved.

5. Social Media Guidelines

- **Respectful Sharing:** Contestants, families, and guests are encouraged to share their experiences via social media using the official event hashtag [#EventHashtag]. However, all social media posts should align with the values of Ultimate Pageants, including respect, sportsmanship, and positivity.
- **No Live Streaming Without Permission:** Unauthorized live streaming or broadcasting of any part of the event, either in full or in part, is prohibited unless explicitly authorized by Ultimate Pageants. Failure to comply with this policy may result in removal from the event.
- **Respect for Privacy:** When posting or sharing images or videos of other contestants, guests, or staff, please ensure that permission has been obtained from the individuals in those images. Contestants, families, and guests are **not permitted** to use images or videos of others without consent.

6. Photography and Media Equipment

- **Permitted Equipment:** Only official photographers and videographers may use professional-grade equipment, including cameras with large lenses, drones, and lighting equipment.
- **Disruptive Equipment:** Any photography or videography equipment that obstructs the view of other attendees, disrupts the Event, or interferes with the experience of others will **not** be permitted.

7. Use of Images of Minors

- For participants under the age of 18, **parental or guardian consent is required** for the use of their images or media in any promotional or event-related content. Parents or guardians should notify Ultimate Pageants if they do not wish their child's image to be used.

8. Enforcement

- Failure to adhere to this policy may result in a warning, followed by removal from the event if the violation persists. No refunds will be issued for removal due to non-compliance.
- Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to take any necessary action to enforce this policy and ensure the safety, privacy, and respect of all participants.

9. Press and Media Disclaimer

- Press or media outlets attending the event may capture content for news or publicity purposes. All media personnel should abide by the guidelines outlined in this policy when capturing content. Unauthorized use of professional equipment by individuals who are not part of the official media team is prohibited.

By participating in any Ultimate Pageants event, you agree to comply with the terms outlined in this Photography & Media Policy. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to a positive, inspiring experience for all involved in Ultimate Pageants!