

# ULTIMATE PAGEANTS

## CONTESTANT TERMS OF COMPETITION

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

These Terms & Conditions form a **binding condition of entry and participation** in any Ultimate Pageants competition or event.

Failure to comply with **any clause** may result in **immediate disqualification**, removal from the event, and loss of all titles, awards, placements, and privileges.

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## 1. APPLICATION OF THESE TERMS

These Terms & Conditions apply to **all Ultimate Pageants activities**, including but not limited to:

- Online and in-person competitions
- National Finals
- Pageant weekend events
- Orientations, rehearsals, workshops, appearances, and official functions
- All backstage, on-stage, and venue areas
- All conduct associated with Ultimate Pageants, including online and social media activity

These Terms operate **in conjunction with**:

- The Ultimate Pageants Code of Conduct
- The Ultimate Pageants Contestant Handbook
- Health & Safety policies
- All verbal and written instructions issued by the Ultimate Pageants Director or team

Compliance with **all documents** is mandatory. No single document overrides another unless explicitly stated in writing by the Director.

## 2. DUTY OF CARE & CHILD-SAFE COMMITMENT

Ultimate Pageants is committed to providing a **safe, respectful, inclusive, and child-safe environment**, consistent with Australian child-safe principles, duty-of-care obligations, and event governance standards.

All contestants, parents, guardians, and associated persons must:

- Act in a manner that protects the **safety, wellbeing, dignity, and rights of all participants**
- Follow all safety instructions, policies, and risk-management measures
- Conduct themselves in a way that upholds the integrity of the event and organisation

Any behaviour that compromises safety, wellbeing, or event integrity will result in **immediate disciplinary action**.

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## 3. MANDATORY PARTICIPATION & VISIBLE EFFORT

All contestants **must demonstrate a clear, visible, consistent, and genuine effort in every section of competition**, without exception.

**Visible effort includes, but is not limited to:**

- Appropriate preparation and readiness
- Punctuality and attendance
- Engagement and responsiveness
- Stage presence and presentation
- Compliance with all instructions and expectations
- Professional conduct on and off stage

The determination of whether visible effort has been demonstrated rests **solely with Ultimate Pageants**.

Failure to demonstrate visible effort in **any section** constitutes a breach of these Terms and the Code of Conduct

## 4. MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS

All contestants must meet or exceed the **minimum score requirements across all competition sections**, as determined by Ultimate Pageants.

Failure to meet the minimum score requirement in **any single section** may result in:

- Immediate disqualification
- Ineligibility for advancement, placement, awards, or titles

All scoring decisions are **final, binding, and not subject to appeal or review**.

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## 5. GROOMING, ATTIRE & PRESENTATION COMPLIANCE

All contestants must strictly comply with **all grooming, attire, and presentation standards** outlined in the Ultimate Pageants Contestant Handbook.

This applies:

- At all times during pageant weekend
- Across all competition sections
- During rehearsals, workshops, and official functions

Failure to meet grooming or attire requirements at **any point** constitutes a breach and may result in immediate disqualification.

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## 6. HEALTH & SAFETY COMPLIANCE (MANDATORY CONDITION OF ENTRY)

Completion and submission of the **Ultimate Pageants Health & Safety Form** is a **mandatory condition of participation**. Ultimate Pageants relies on full and accurate disclosure and accepts no responsibility for undisclosed conditions

- No contestant may rehearse, compete, or appear on stage without a completed and approved form
- Failure to submit the form by the required deadline will result in **automatic withdrawal or disqualification**

## 7. ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE POLICY

Attendance at **all scheduled pageant weekend events** is compulsory, including but not limited to:

- Orientation
- Rehearsals
- Workshops
- Competition segments
- Official functions

**Absence from any required event**, without **prior written approval from the Director**, will result in **immediate disqualification**.

Personal circumstances (including illness, stress, travel delays, misunderstandings, or personal emergencies) **do not exempt compliance** unless prior written approval has been granted by the Director.

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## 8. BACKSTAGE CONDUCT & NO PHONE POLICY

Backstage areas are **restricted, private, and controlled environments**.

- Mobile phones and recording devices are **strictly prohibited backstage**
- Exceptions apply **only** in emergencies or where expressly authorised by the Ultimate Pageants team
- Authorised individuals may include Ultimate Pageants staff, current title holders, and approved parents/guardians

Unauthorised phone use backstage constitutes a **serious breach** and may result in immediate disqualification.

## 9. SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT & MONITORING

Contestants must maintain a **respectful, appropriate, and positive online presence** at all times.

Ultimate Pageants reserves the absolute right to:

- Monitor publicly available social media content
- Disqualify contestants for content that is inappropriate, offensive, defamatory, harmful, or damaging
- Take disciplinary action **without warning or prior notice**

This applies to content posted **before, during, or after** the competition period.

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## 10. CONFIDENTIALITY & INTERNAL MATTERS

Contestants and associated parties must not publicly discuss, publish, or disclose:

- Internal decisions
- Disciplinary actions
- Incidents
- Operational or competition matters

Breach of confidentiality may result in immediate disqualification and further action as deemed necessary by Ultimate Pageants.

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## 11. NO INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGING

Any attempt by a contestant or associated party to:

- Influence judges
- Interfere with scoring
- Approach judges regarding results

will result in **immediate disqualification**.

## 12. ENTRY, ADVANCEMENT & CROWNING – ABSOLUTE DISCRETION

All competition entry approvals, advancements, placements, awards, and crowning decisions are made **entirely at the discretion of the Ultimate Pageants Director and team.**

- Entry does not guarantee advancement, placement, or a title
- Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee crowning
- Ultimate Pageants may withhold, reassign, revoke, or decline to award titles

All decisions are **final and non-negotiable.**

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## 13. DISCIPLINE, ZERO TOLERANCE & IMMEDIATE REMOVAL

Ultimate Pageants operates under a **zero-tolerance disciplinary framework.**

Any breach of:

- These Terms & Conditions
- The Code of Conduct
- The Contestant Handbook
- Health & Safety requirements
- Staff instructions

may result in **immediate disqualification without warning.**

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to **immediately remove any contestant from the venue or competition** where conduct poses a risk to safety, wellbeing, or event integrity.

Disqualification may occur **at any stage**, including before, during, or after pageant weekend.

## 14. PARENT & GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Parents and guardians are jointly responsible for ensuring contestant compliance with:

- These Terms & Conditions
- Backstage behaviour
- Attendance requirements
- Social media conduct
- All staff instructions

Failure to comply may result in contestant disqualification.

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## 15. AUTHORITY, FINALITY & SUPREMACY

All decisions, determinations, and actions made by **Ultimate Pageants**, including those made by the Director and authorised Ultimate Pageants team members, are exercised in accordance with the organisation's duty of care, child-safe obligations, and event governance responsibilities.

Ultimate Pageants retains **full authority** to interpret, apply, enforce, amend, and make determinations under these Terms & Conditions, the Code of Conduct, the Contestant Handbook, and all associated policies. Such authority includes, but is not limited to, decisions relating to eligibility, participation, attendance, conduct, discipline, scoring, placements, awards, titles, advancement, withdrawal, removal, or disqualification.

All decisions made by Ultimate Pageants are **final, binding, and non-negotiable**. No appeals, reviews, or challenges will be accepted under any circumstances. Ultimate Pageants is not required to provide warnings, corrective action opportunities, or explanations prior to enforcement.

In the event of any inconsistency, conflict, ambiguity, or difference in interpretation between these Terms & Conditions and any other document, policy, communication (written or verbal), or guidance issued by or on behalf of Ultimate Pageants, **these Terms & Conditions shall prevail** unless otherwise expressly stated in writing by the Director.

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to **update, amend, or vary** these Terms & Conditions at any time where required to meet operational, safety, governance, or child-safe obligations. Continued participation in any Ultimate Pageants activity constitutes acceptance of any such updates.

## 16. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ACCEPTANCE

By submitting an application for, and/or participating in any Ultimate Pageants competition or event, the contestant (and parent/guardian where applicable) **formally acknowledges, confirms, and agrees** to the following:

- a. The contestant confirms they have **read in full, understood, and agree to comply with** these Terms & Conditions, the Ultimate Pageants Code of Conduct, the Contestant Handbook, Health & Safety requirements, and all associated policies, procedures, and instructions issued by Ultimate Pageants.
- b. The contestant acknowledges that **participation is conditional** upon strict compliance with all requirements and that **entry, advancement, placement, awards, and crowning are not guaranteed** and remain at the **sole discretion of the Ultimate Pageants Director and Ultimate Pageants team**.
- c. The contestant acknowledges and accepts that Ultimate Pageants operates under a **zero-tolerance disciplinary framework** and that **any breach**, whether intentional or unintentional, may result in **immediate disqualification**, removal from the competition or venue, forfeiture of titles or awards, and loss of all participation rights, **without warning and without right of appeal**.
- d. The contestant acknowledges that all decisions made by Ultimate Pageants in relation to competition matters, conduct, discipline, scoring, attendance, participation, and enforcement are **final, binding, and non-negotiable**, and expressly waives any right to challenge, dispute, or appeal such decisions.
- e. The contestant confirms that all required Health & Safety information has been disclosed truthfully and accurately and acknowledges that failure to complete or comply with Health & Safety requirements will result in **automatic withdrawal or disqualification**.
- f. The contestant acknowledges that attendance at **all scheduled events and activities** is mandatory and that absence from any required event without prior written approval from the Director will result in **immediate disqualification**, regardless of reason.
- g. The contestant agrees to uphold professional, respectful, and child-safe behaviour at all times, including backstage, on stage, online, and in any context associated with Ultimate Pageants, and acknowledges responsibility for their conduct and representation.
- h. The contestant acknowledges and agrees to the strict **backstage no-phone policy**, except in emergencies or where expressly authorised by the Ultimate Pageants team, and understands that unauthorised phone use constitutes a serious breach.
- i. The contestant acknowledges Ultimate Pageants' right to monitor publicly available social media activity and to take disciplinary action, including disqualification, for content deemed inappropriate, harmful, or damaging to the organisation, its participants, or its reputation.
- j. Where the contestant is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges **joint responsibility** for compliance with all Terms & Conditions and accepts that their conduct may directly impact the contestant's eligibility to compete.

k. The contestant acknowledges that personal circumstances, misunderstandings, illness, stress, or lack of awareness do not excuse non-compliance unless prior written approval is granted by the Director.