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PRELIMINARY PROMOTERS PACKET FOR MISS, MR, MX OHIO GAY PRIDE

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CITY PRELIMINARY COSTS TO STATE PROMOTER

MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANTRY - \$200

This does not include the titleholder appearance fees

- **Crown (for Winner):** Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry has a designated crown for all Preliminary Pageants. The Ohio Gay Pride Pageant Promoter is providing the crown to all preliminary pageants at a cost of \$75.
- **Sash (for Winner):** Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry will provide the sash for all Preliminary Pageants. Provided at a cost of \$50.
- **Entry Fee to Miss OGP for TWO (2) Contestants (Winner and 1st Alt):** A fee of \$75 to be paid to the state promoter. This is a total cost regardless if there is only one contestant.

MR. OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANTRY - \$175

This does not include the titleholder appearance fees

- **Crown (for Winner):** Mr Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry has a designated crown for all Preliminary Pageants. The Ohio Gay Pride Pageant Promoter is providing the crown to all preliminary pageants at a cost of \$50.
- **Sash (for Winner):** Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry will provide the sash for all Preliminary Pageants. Provided at a cost of \$50.
- **Entry Fee to Mr. OGP for TWO (2) Contestants (Winner and 1st Alt):** A fee of \$75 to be paid to the state promoter. This is a total cost regardless if there is only one contestant.

MX. OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANTRY - \$175

This does not include the titleholder appearance fees

- **Crown (for Winner):** Mx Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry has a designated crown for all Preliminary Pageants. The Ohio Gay Pride Pageant Promoter is providing the crown to all preliminary pageants at a cost of \$50.
- **Sash (for Winner):** Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry will provide the sash for all Preliminary Pageants. Provided at a cost of \$50.
- **Entry Fee to Mx. OGP for TWO (2) Contestants (Winner and 1st Alt):** A fee of \$75 to be paid to the state promoter. This is a total cost regardless if there is only one contestant.

Full payment of the Entry Fees, Crown, and Sash is REQUIRED when date is chosen and confirmed with the State Promoter to secure the preliminary, this payment can be done thru online methods (FB Pay, Paypal, Venmo, Cashapp, etc) or mail with cashier's check or money order, or cash in person; unless otherwise discussed with the State Promoter.

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CITY PRELIMINARY OTHER COSTS

Advertised Cash Prize to Winners

City preliminary promoters will give the winners a cash prize on the night of the pageant and upon giving up the title (Stepdown) the following year.

- The **Advertised Cash Prize** Package for each Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary **cannot exceed** \$100.00 the night of the pageant and \$100.00 upon giving up the title.
 - This provides an equal opportunity for all promoters to have as many contestants as possible. We do not want contestants holding out for certain preliminaries just because the cash prize is more than other preliminary pageants. This will give all preliminaries the same advantage as far as cash prizes are concerned.
- If promoters want to give additional cash to your representative(s), you are more than welcome to do so; however, the additional cash amount **cannot be advertised** and will be considered a gift and cannot be made to look as part of the prize package.
- You are more than welcome to advertise additional prizes; such as gift certificates or other gifts (jewelry, photo shoots, hotel compensation at state, etc.) for your preliminary.

Appearance Fees for Ohio Gay Pride Royalty

If you are holding a City Preliminary, the State Titleholders for those divisions would make every attempt to be there, the Appearance fees would be as follows:

\$125.00 each is to be paid to the night of your preliminary.

If you are wishing to have one of the State Titleholders at your Preliminary and they are not one of the divisions you are holding (this does include Imperial); you can negotiate directly with them the Appearance fees but **would not be more than:**

\$125.00 to be paid to the night of your preliminary.

SPECIAL NOTE:

In the 2021/2022 pageant years with the removal of gender bias for the pageants; it is asked that the Preliminary promoter provide for:

1) Stepdown and opportunity to reigning King/Femme for the prior years preliminary title. The reigning titleholders (Miss/Mr/King/Femme) for specific preliminaries can be provided by request for prior years.

Administrative Fee for Venue or Date changes:

If after paying to confirm and secure the date of the City Preliminary and it is found that a date and/or venue change is needed the following will apply:

- The Venue **and** Date change **MUST** be approved by the State Promoter preferably at least 30 days prior to the event. This is to prevent two city preliminaries occurring on the same date, or too close to each other in the same city. And that the titleholders are available to attend.
- An administrative fee of \$50 is required when rescheduling and already confirmed preliminary more than 30 days out; and \$100 within 30 days of the original date of the pageant.

If the event is cancelled:

- 31 days prior to the Preliminary - The Preliminary costs will be refunded with the exception of the cost for the sashes (if ordered).
- Between 30 and 15 days of the Preliminary - The Preliminary costs will be refunded with the exception of the cost for the crown and sashes.
- 14 days or less to the Preliminary - No Preliminary costs will be refunded. Monies for state entry fees will be proportioned out to the division State Titleholders for having blocked the time off from other performance opportunities.

If the venue closes:

- Then change of date/venue is warranted - No administrative fee is charged but new date and venue would need to be confirmed with State Promoter prior to reschedule to confirm the availability of the State Titleholders as soon as possible.

PRELIMINARY PAGEANT GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTERS

1. All rules and regulations of the ***Ohio Gay Pride Pageant*** apply to all preliminary Gay Pride Pageants.
2. The ***Ohio Gay Pride Pageant*** scoring system **MUST** be used for all Preliminary Gay Pride Pageants.
3. Preliminary Pageant promoters must pay the fees, no later than one month prior to the night of the pageant. Entry fees **will not be returned** if your representatives do not compete at Ohio Gay Pride.
4. The current Ohio Gay Pride Royalty must be invited to participate in all Preliminary pageants. Their appearance fees are noted under Other Costs. You are only obligated to invite the divisions which you are holding, but asking all is suggested.
5. The Preliminary pageant promoter will provide a summary of all pageant scores, including scores for each category and total scores of all contestants, to the Promoter of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry on the night of your preliminary pageant. Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry will provide you with the appropriate form upon their arrival to your pageant.
6. In the absence of the owner/promoter of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry, the current Miss Ohio Gay Pride titleholder is authorized to make administrative decisions at a Preliminary pageant, if needed, within the rules and regulations of the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System.
7. Preliminary pageant promoters **cannot appoint** winners to their preliminary pageant to advance to any Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. All contestants in the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant system must have qualified by either winning or placing in a city preliminary pageant. In other words, even if only a single contestant signs up they must compete through all the categories.
8. Preliminary Pageant Promoters are not expected to pay for hotel or sleeping accommodations for their contestants as they participate in their respective Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. It is up to each individual promoter to decide if they will contribute for accommodations of their contestants.
9. Preliminary Promoters are not expected to pay for hotel or sleeping accommodations for Ohio Gay Pride Royalty as they participate in the city preliminary pageants. Only the appearance fees will be paid to the Ohio Gay Pride Royalty by the Preliminary Promoter. The fee is required to be paid to the Ohio Gay Pride Royalty at the time of the city preliminary pageant.
10. All Preliminary Pageants would need to have their renewal confirmed by January 1st of each year. This does not mean that you have to have your pageant scheduled by January 1st. It simply means that you should be working towards a scheduled date for the preliminary pageant. If you do not advise that you wish to renew a date for your preliminary pageant by January 1st, we will offer the pageant to another promoter. It is requested that you do not schedule your preliminary pageant during the month of June as this is Gay Pride Month. There are also two additional weekends to avoid scheduling: The weekend of Miss Gay Ohio America pageant and the weekend of Gay Ohio Pageantry. All preliminary pageants can be scheduled anytime between January 1st and May 31st, and again July 6^h thru Labor Day Weekend.
11. All Preliminary Pageant Promoters **MUST** sign a preliminary pageant contract for **each new year**, for Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageants. Failure to contact the State Promoter about renewal does mean that the Preliminary is available to another interested party.

12. The **Advertised Cash Prize** Package for each Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary **cannot exceed** \$100.00 the night of the pageant and \$100.00 upon giving up the title. If promoters want to give additional cash to your representative(s), you are more than welcome to do so. However, the additional amount that you give will be considered a gift and cannot be made to look as part of the prize package. This provides an equal opportunity for all promoters to have as many contestants as possible. We do not want contestants holding out for certain preliminaries just because the cash prize is more than other preliminary pageants. This will give all preliminaries the same advantage as far as cash prizes are concerned. In addition, you are more than welcome to present gift certificates or other gifts (jewelry, photo shoots, etc.) to your preliminary representatives.
13. Preliminary promoters may not “sell” their preliminary pageant. Preliminary pageants are contracted to promoters for a period of one (1) year. If you choose not to renew your contract for the following year’s preliminary, the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant owner will offer the preliminary contract to another interested party.
14. All Preliminary pageant promoters must be approved by the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant owner. You must also ensure that Ohio Gay Pride Titleholders are available on the date that you would like to schedule your preliminary pageant, this would be handled by the State Owner/Promoter.
15. If you are offering additional cash, benefit shows, bookings, etc. to your qualified contestants in preparation for the Ohio Gay Pride pageants, this information must be provided to the contestant in writing and signed by both parties. Please remember that your integrity as a promoter is defined by following through with those things that have been promised to the contestant and this document will protect both promoters and contestants and will make all intentions clear and understandable.
16. Any qualified contestants, regardless of their placement at your preliminary, who do not compete at their respective Ohio Gay Pride Pageant during their year of qualification, must reimburse the amount of the Entry Fee (\$75.00) to the preliminary promoter within 30 days of the date of Registration for the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. If it is the Preliminary Titleholder; they would also have return any awards (Cash, Crown/Medal, and Sash) that were provided.
17. Any Preliminary contestant who does not compete at their respective Ohio Gay Pride Pageant must return all awards, and all cash prizes to the preliminary promoter within 30 days of the state pageant for which contestant did not compete.



Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry

Contestant Name: _____ Number: _____

Interview	Possible Points	Judge's Score
General Appearance	0-20	
Personality	0-20	
Ability to Communicate	0-20	
Comfort Level	0-20	
Answer Content	0-20	
TOTAL CATEGORY SCORE		

Interview

Judge Signature: _____ Judge Number: _____



Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry

Contestant Name: _____ Number: _____

Creative Evening / Formal Wear	Possible Points	Judge's Score
Creativity / Presentation	0-25	
Elegance	0-25	
Fit and Suitability	0-20	
Poise and Modeling	0-15	
Hair, Appearance, & Accessories	0-15	
TOTAL CATEGORY SCORE		
On Stage Question	Possible Points	Judge's Score
Personality, Poise, Comfort Level	0-40	
Ability to Communicate	0-30	
Answer Content	0-30	
TOTAL CATEGORY SCORE		
Talent	Possible Points	Judge's Score
Entertainment Value	0-100	
Quality (lip sync, live vocals, choreo, etc.)	0-30	
Aesthetic (Costuming/Set Design/Props, etc.)	0-30	
Stage Presence	0-30	
Originality	0-10	
TOTAL CATEGORY SCORE		

Judge Signature: _____ Judge Number: _____



Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry

Contestant Name: _____ Number: _____

Creative Evening / Formal Wear Comments

On Stage Question Comments

Talent Comments

Judge Signature: _____ Judge Number: _____



Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry

Contestant Name: _____ Number: _____

Presentation Based on Theme	Possible Points	Judge's Score
Theme Appropriate	0-50	
Creativity	0-25	STATE ONLY
Overall Look	0-15	
Poise and Modeling	0-10	
TOTAL CATEGORY SCORE		

Presentation Based on Theme

STATE ONLY

Judge Signature: _____ Judge Number: _____

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

INTERVIEW

There will be a personal interview for Ohio Gay Pride Pageant Contestants.

Your attire should be at least, business casual. You do not need to be in a 3 piece suit, but attire should be business appropriate. Do not come dressed in jeans and T-shirts or sweat suits. Attire should be clean and free of wrinkles.

Hair and accessories should be business appropriate and contestants should be well groomed. You will be judged on poise, appearance, personality, ability to answer the questions posed by the judges, and on your professionalism during the interview. Don't be afraid to use humor during your interview. It just might be your greatest asset, but you should also make sure you are conveying the idea that you are serious about the position. You should be honest during the interview. If you do not know the answer you should tell the judges this but will research for the information after the interview is over. You should show the judges you are motivated to learn anything you do not know.

General Appearance

- The contestant will be judged on their appearance during the interview. Are they dressed in, at least, business casual attire? Are their clothes wrinkle-free and in good condition? Are there strings, rips, or stains on their interview clothing?

Personality

- The contestant will be judged on personality in this subcategory. Does their personality shine through during the interview? Do they show emotion/facial expression?

Ability to Communicate

- The contestant will be judged on their ability to communicate during the interview category. Are their words understandable? Are they able to speak well and without using words, such as "ummm"? Are they able to use appropriate words and proper English when speaking? Do they consistently repeat the same word(s)?

Comfort Level

- The contestant will be judged on how comfortable they appear during the interview. Are they "fidgeting" or do they sit still? Are they well-postured? Do they make eye contact with judges?

Answer Content

- The contestant will be judged on the content of their answer to the questions posed to them in the interview process. Did the contestant answer the questions appropriately?

PRESENTATION BASED ON THEME

Your presentation attire should be in accordance with the pageant theme.

AT PRELIMINARY: This category **WILL NOT BE A JUDGED CATEGORY** and **WILL NOT** be part of the final scoring. This may be your first opportunity to showcase what you have for the judges. Failure to have an appropriate presentation attire, would be a loss of administrative points.

AT STATE: Presentation will be a judged category. This will be done either during the opening number and/or a secondary introduction on stage. If the state pageant includes preliminary night competition and final night competition this will be on Final Night.

Below is an outline of the sub-categories:

Theme Appropriate

- The contestant will be judged on the appropriateness to the theme and fit to color specifications if provided.

Creativity

- The contestant will be judged on the creativity of the apparel that they present during this category. Attire should be creative.

Overall Look

- The contestant will be judged on the overall look that is presented on stage, and how it all ties together (appearance, fit, and condition of hair, makeup, and accessories/hand-held props).

Poise and Modeling

- The contestant will be judged on how they model the outfit.

CREATIVE EVENING WEAR (Miss)

This is the most elegant category in the pageant. Attire should be elegant but creative. The creative evening wear category will allow you to use your imagination to create an exciting and original style. If a gown is worn, all expectations of fit and length apply. However, pant suits are acceptable.

Creative evening wear will consist of creative and unique design of the ensemble and/or creative and unique accessories while, still presenting a vision of elegance. Be careful that your attire for this category is not a costume or look “costume-like”. **MAKE YOURSELF STAND OUT! Remember, a unique pattern or design in fabric does not constitute Creativity, unless it is presented creatively.**

This should be a garment that would be appropriate on the Red Carpet – ie: for the Met Gala or an Awards show.

Face masks are not encouraged as they tend to create the look of a costume instead of Creative Evening Wear. Hats are acceptable with this category, but contestants should make sure that the hat does not cover your face and the size of the hat should be considered as well.

Props may be used in this category but no set-up; tear-down time will be allotted. Props must be in place by the time the contestant’s name is announced.

Creativity / Presentation

- The contestant will be judged on the creativity of the apparel that they present during this category. A unique pattern in a fabric alone does not constitute creativity.
- **And/or** how the ensemble is presented on stage creatively. The use of props is permitted in this category. However, there is no set-up or tear-down time allotted. Props must be carried onto the stage with the contestant or the props must be in place when the contestant’s name is called.
- Evening wear cannot be a costume

Elegance

- The contestant will be judged on the elegance of the evening wear. Evening Wear must be creative but elegant. The attire cannot be a costume.

Fit and Suitability

- The contestant will be judged on the fit of the evening wear. Does the evening wear fit properly? Is the hem too short or too long? Are the sleeves too short or too long? Evening wear does not have to be a gown, but if it is a gown, all criteria of fit and length apply.

Poise and Modeling

- The contestant will be judged on how they model the evening wear.

Hair, Appearance, & Accessories

- The contestant will be judged on appearance, appropriateness, and condition of hair, makeup, and accessories.

CREATIVE FORMAL WEAR (Mr.)

This is the most elegant category in the pageant. Attire should be elegant but creative. The creative formal wear category will allow you to use your imagination to create an exciting and original style. Creative formal wear does not have to be a tuxedo or traditional suit.

Creative formal wear will consist of creative and unique design of the ensemble and/or creative and unique accessories while, still presenting a formal look for this category. Be careful that your attire for this category is not a costume or look “costume-like”. **MAKE YOURSELF STAND OUT! Remember, a unique pattern or design in fabric does not constitute Creativity, unless it is presented creatively.**

This should be a garment that would be appropriate on the Red Carpet – ie: for the Met Gala or an Awards show.

Face masks are not encouraged as they tend to create the look of a costume instead of Creative Evening Wear. Hats are acceptable with this category but contestants should make sure that the hat does not cover your face and the size of the hat should be considered as well.

Props may be used in this category but no set-up, tear-down time will be allotted. Props must be in place by the time the contestant’s name is announced.

Creativity / Presentation

- The contestant will be judged on the creativity of the apparel that they present during this category. A unique pattern in a fabric alone does not constitute creativity.
- **And/or** how the ensemble is presented on stage creatively. The use of props is permitted in this category. However, there is no set-up or tear-down time allotted. Props must be carried onto the stage with the contestant or the props must be in place when the contestant’s name is called.
- Evening wear cannot be a costume

Elegance

- The contestant will be judged on the elegance of the formal wear. Formal Wear must be creative but elegant. The attire cannot be a costume.

Fit and Suitability

- The contestant will be judged on the fit of the formal wear. Does the formal wear fit properly? Is the pants hem too short or too long? Are the sleeves too short or too long? Formal wear does not have to be a tuxedo, but all criteria of fit and length apply.

Poise and Modeling

- The contestant will be judged on how they model the evening wear.

Hair, Appearance, & Accessories

- The contestant will be judged on appearance, appropriateness, and condition of hair, and accessories.

CREATIVE WEAR (Mx.)

This is the most elegant category in the pageant. Attire should be elegant but creative. The creative wear category will allow you to use your imagination to create an exciting and original style. Creative wear does not have to be a tuxedo or traditional suit. If a gown is worn, all expectations of fit and length apply. However, pant suits are acceptable.

Creative formal wear will consist of creative and unique design of the ensemble and/or creative and unique accessories while, still presenting a formal look for this category. Be careful that your attire for this category is not a costume or look “costume-like”. **MAKE YOURSELF STAND OUT! Remember, a unique pattern or design in fabric does not constitute Creativity, unless it is presented creatively.**

This should be a garment that would be appropriate on the Red Carpet – ie: for the Met Gala or an Awards show.

Face masks are not encouraged as they tend to create the look of a costume instead of Creative Evening Wear. Hats are acceptable with this category but contestants should make sure that the hat does not cover your face and the size of the hat should be considered as well.

Props may be used in this category but no set-up, tear-down time will be allotted. Props must be in place by the time the contestant’s name is announced.

Creativity / Presentation

- The contestant will be judged on the creativity of the apparel that they present during this category. A unique pattern in a fabric alone does not constitute creativity.
- **And/or** how the ensemble is presented on stage creatively. The use of props is permitted in this category. However, there is no set-up or tear-down time allotted. Props must be carried onto the stage with the contestant or the props must be in place when the contestant’s name is called.
- Evening wear cannot be a costume

Elegance

- The contestant will be judged on the elegance of the formal wear. Formal Wear must be creative but elegant. The attire cannot be a costume.

Fit and Suitability

- The contestant will be judged on the fit of the creative wear. Does it fit properly? Is the hem too short or too long? Are the sleeves too short or too long? Creative wear does not have to be a tuxedo or a gown, but all criteria of fit and length apply.

Poise and Modeling

- The contestant will be judged on how they model the evening wear.

Hair, Appearance, & Accessories

- The contestant will be judged on appearance, appropriateness, and condition of hair, and accessories.

ON-STAGE QUESTION AND ANSWER

You will be judged on speaking ability (or appropriate form of communication) and how you answer the question posed to you. You will be judged on personality, poise, comfort level, ability to communicate, and answer content. Contestants should speak slowly and clearly while answering questions posed to you. Proper English is expected to be used and you should speak well and be articulate. It is best that you answer questions without rambling. The more rambling, the more possible it is to lead yourself away from the topic of the question. Sometimes a short concise answer will score better than a long drawn out answer.

Personality, Poise, and Comfort Level

- The contestant will be judged on how they present themselves during this category. Are they confident or shy? Do they seem comfortable in front of an audience? Does their personality show through their words and demeanor on stage?

Ability to Communicate

- The contestant will be judged on their ability to communicate their answer to the question posed to them. Do they speak clearly and in a volume that is understandable to all? Are their words understandable? Do they speak with appropriate words and proper English?

Answer Content

- The contestant will be judged on their ability to answer the question posed to them. Did they answer the question presented to them? Failure to answer the question can result in a Zero for this sub-category.

AT STATE: If the state pageant includes preliminary night competition and final night competition, then there will be no on-stage question on prelim nights. On-Stage question will be asked only on Final night for the top # contestants only.

TALENT

Talent is the highest scored category in the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant. Talent should not contain excessive amounts of violence or vulgar language. Contestants should use their own discretion but also remember that “excessive” is defined by each judge. It is the contestant’s responsibility to ensure that the stage is clean and clear of debris after their talent is completed. Contestants will be judged on their quality of lip sync, live vocals, or other entertainment.

If the state pageant includes preliminary competition and final night competition, you may change your talent for final night if you wish to do so.

Entertainment Value

- The contestant will be judged according to how entertained the judge feels by the talent. Entertainment Value is the highest scored Subcategory in the Talent Category.

Quality (Lip Sync / Live Vocals / Choreography / Etc.)

- The contestant will be judged on the quality of the talent being presented to the judges. The talent can be lip sync, live vocals, monologue, spoken words, dance, or any other appropriate talent. Any talent presented by a contestant must be of the highest quality to score well at a Gay Pride Pageant.

Aesthetic (Costuming, Set Design, Props, Hair, Makeup, Accessories)

- This sub-category is how the contestant looks is presenting their talent:
- If the contestant presents a talent that includes props or a set, the judge will score the appropriateness and appearance of the props and/or set design. The contestant is not required to have props or set design for this category. If the talent does not “need” a set or props, the judge will not deduct points for the absence of a set or props.
- The contestant will be judged on the appropriateness, suitability, appearance, cleanliness, and functional use of the costume(s) presented in the talent.
- The contestant will be judged on the appearance, condition, and appropriateness of the contestants’ hair and makeup in regard to the Talent presented.

Stage Presence

- The contestant will be judged on his/her stage presence and how comfortable the contestant is on stage while presenting his/her talent.

Originality

- The contestant will be judged on the originality of the Talent presented. Is this a talent that is seen often (ie: Wicked – Defying Gravity as the witch in black with green makeup – Not Original) or something that is different or a unique take on it (ie: Defying Gravity but as a parachutist stuck hanging in a tree – More Original).

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ADMINISTRATIVE POINT DEDUCTIONS

Each Occurrence

- 10 points:** Smoking in the dressing room.
- 10 points:** Food / Drinks / Liquid in the dressing room.
- Liquid for a steamer should be filled outside the dressing area.
 - Food used for talent should be stored away and only opened outside of the dressing area
 - Depending on the dressing room, there may be designated space to have drinks in the room, but away from the dressing area.
- 10 points:** Too many people in the dressing room (One person allowed at a time).
- 30 points:** Badgering or belittling any member of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry or associates of the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant, this includes the bar/venue staff, sponsors/vendors, and even your fellow contestants.
- 25 points:** No garment for presentation to match the theme
Preliminary: As determined by Preliminary Promoter / Preliminary Titleholders.
State: No admin points will be deducted as scoring would determine appropriateness.
- 25 points:** Tardy for line up - each for Interview, Presentation, Creative Evening/Formal Wear, Talent, On-Stage Question, and Crowning.
- 25 points:** Late for any scheduled contestant meeting during the pageant process, including registration and rehearsal for opening presentation (if applicable), and after prelim night events.
- 25 points:** Music not on device - Flash Drive
- *Verify with promoter prior to pageant to confirm what venue can support.*
- Music CANNOT be on phones (at State).
- 25 points:** Music not in the correct order:
- Preliminary Pageants - There would be 3 songs on the device:
Track 1 - Creative Formal/Evening Wear
Track 2 - Talent (Even if doing live talent - put something in the track placement)
Track 3 - Crowning
- Suggestion is to name the tracks as "Track 1-<your name>-Creative Wear", "Track2-<your name>-Talent", etc.
- 25 points:** Music not turned in at designated time.

PAGEANT RULES/REGULATIONS

1. Ohio Gay Pride Pageants are open to contestants residing in the bordering or surrounding states only (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia). Proof of residency must be presented to the preliminary/state promoter if requested.
2. The competitors performance persona would determine their fit as either a Miss Contestant, a Mr Contestant or an Mx Contestant, and have reached the legal age of eighteen (18) prior to the date of the STATE pageant. Proof of age, such as a driver's license/state issued identification card, birth certificate, etc., must be provided to the promoter of the pageant. If for any reason the promoter finds cause to investigate the age of the contestant, reasonable measures will be taken for the investigation to ensure that the contestant meets the minimum age requirement. If no validation is found, the contestant would be disqualified.
3. Judging will be based on a total points-accumulated system. In the event of a TIE, the winner will be determined by the highest **Interview** score between those contestants. If there is a tie in those scores, the tie would continue to Talent, then Creative Wear, then On-Stage Question. In the event that every category is a tie, it must be broken by an onstage question involving the top 5 contestants.
4. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Creative Evening/Formal Wear, On Stage Question and Answer, Talent, Interview, and Presentation. However, Presentation judging is not held during preliminary pageants.
5. The use or possession of any illegal drugs or the dispensing of any illegal drugs will not be tolerated while the contestants are participating in the official Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant. Violation will result in immediate disqualification.
6. Talent will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop set-up will be limited to three (3) minutes. Prop take-down will also be limited to three (3) minutes. Prop set-up and take-down times are in addition to the seven (7) minute talent time.
If a contestant **exceeds any** of the individual time limits, they will receive a 50-point deduction for every 30 seconds or part thereof for the talent category. (Example: If exceed setup by 15 sec = 50 points, talent by 45 seconds = 100 points, and tear-down by 28 seconds = 50 points – total deduction = 200 points)
7. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable except those that may cause injury to you or others. **NO PYROTECHNICS** are permitted (fire, flashpots, flaming batons, etc.). The use of authentic-looking weapons is prohibited. Also, no excessive glitter. Additional limitations may be imposed by venues including no dry rice, no smoke machines, no dry ice, etc.
8. Any contestant caught in the act of stealing and/or causing damage to another contestant's property will be immediately disqualified and removed from the pageant location.
9. For the crowning ceremony: Evening wear or Formal Wear attire of choice.
10. Smoking will not be permitted in the dressing areas (See Admin Points).
11. No food or drink will be permitted in the dressing areas (See Admin Points).
12. Each contestant will be permitted to have one (1) helper in the dressing area at any given time. (See Admin points)
13. Any contestants, dressers, dancers, talent performers, etc. who cause a disturbance of any kind during a preliminary pageant will result in the disqualification of the contestant and contestant and affiliate causing issue will be banned from all Ohio Gay Pride Preliminaries/Pageants in the future. We expect all contestants and their affiliates to behave in a professional manner.

14. All qualified contestants MUST compete at the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. Any qualified contestant who does not compete at Ohio Gay Pride Pageant and was not excused from competing will be:
 - a. Banned from the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System for a minimum of one (1) year until repayment is completed under Item 15.
 - b. Will not be permitted to be involved in any Ohio Gay Pride function or preliminary pageant held during that time (concluding the Sunday of the Miss State pageant the year following when the ban was lifted).
 - c. Involvement does include but not limited to dressing, dancing, performing in benefits.
15. If a qualified contestant does not compete at Ohio Gay Pride and was not excused from competing at Ohio Gay Pride by the State promoter, they will be required to:
 - a. Return the crown (if the winner), all awards, and all prize money to the preliminary promoter within 30 days of the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant for which contestant did not compete.
 - b. Repay the preliminary promoter \$75 for the entry fee to state.
 - c. There are instances in which the state promoter will invite more than two preliminary pageant contestants to qualify for the state competition. It does not matter how you place in the preliminary competition, if you accepted this, you are required to fulfill your obligation to compete at the Ohio Gay Pride competition for which you qualify.
 - d. Any monies raised during benefits and/or given to the contestant would need to be donated to a charity by the contestant.
16. If you are named as First Alternate from a Preliminary and desire to compete for another Ohio Gay Pride preliminary in the same year:
 - a. Prior to competing you would need to repay the preliminary promoter from the qualified prelim \$75 for the entry fee to state.
 - b. Upon doing so, you forfeit your spot from the original preliminary; and would not be guaranteed entry to state, depending on the outcome of the new Preliminary.
17. If you are named as First Alternate from the State pageant the prior year and desire to compete for an Ohio Gay Pride preliminary:
 - a. Upon doing so, you forfeit your spot “Golden Ticket” and would not be guaranteed entry to state, depending on the outcome of the new Preliminary.
18. Any changes to the information contained in this packet will be communicated as soon as it is received – this can include Administrative Deductions and Sub-categories and/or weight for scoring.

MISS / MR. / MX. OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN AND SUBMIT AT REGISTRATION

This agreement is made as of this date _____, by and between Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Promoter

and _____ AKA _____
(Legal Name) (Stage Name)

I _____ AKA _____ acknowledge and agree to follow the guidelines set forth in the packet
(Legal Name) (Stage Name)

by the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant Promoter.

I also acknowledge that my promoter will be holding various functions throughout the year in which I will be responsible for attending with a thirty (30) day notice given to me. I will uphold my placement within the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary to the best of my ability.

If I am selected to compete at State, I will provide a promotional photograph to both the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary and the State Promoter BY EMAIL or MESSAGE within 30 days of this date.

THE OWNER OF OHIO GAY PRIDE, MARC OFFENBURGER, AND THE PROMOTER(S) OF OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY HAVE THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY AT THEIR DISCRETION.

THE OWNER AND PROMOTER ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE PLACEMENTS (WINNER OR 1st ALTERNATE) WITHIN THE OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY FOR ANY ACTIONS INTERPRETED AS:

- A) FAILURE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES WITH DUE REGARD TO THE PROMOTION OF THEIR TITLE IN PUBLIC,
- B) ANY ACT WHICH CASTS AN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT UPON THE OHIO GAY PRIDE SYSTEM OR ITS PRELIMINARIES,
- C) ANY ACT INVOLVING MORAL, CRIMINAL, OR ETHICAL ISSUES UNDER ANY LAW,
- D) ANY SERIOUS ACT OF MISCONDUCT INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) AN ACT OF DISHONESTY, THEFT, OR ANY ACT OF INJURING, ABUSING OR ENDANGERING OTHERS,
- E) OR IS ACCUSED OF PERFORMING OR COMMITTING ANY ACT WHICH WOULD/COULD ADVERSELY IMPACT OHIO GAY PRIDE OR ITS PRELIMINARY EVENTS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR REPUTATION.

THE OWNER AND PROMOTER ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE PLACEMENTS (WINNER OR 1st ALTERNATE) WITHIN THE OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY FOR FAILURE TO SHOW UP AT THE STATE PAGEANT. ONLY THE STATE OWNER HAS THE ABILITY TO EXCUSE A COMPETITOR FROM STATE.

THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE OFFENSE IS CURED SHALL BE MADE BY THE PRELIMINARY OWNER/PROMOTER WITH CONSULTATION OF THE STATE OWNER/PROMOTER AND STATE DIVISION TITLEHOLDER. REVOKATION CAN OCCUR AFTER STATE AND UP UNTIL YOUR PRELIMINARY STEPDOWN.

REVOCATION OF PLACEMENT INCLUDES THE REVOCATION OF CROWN/MEDAL AND ALL AWARDS AND MONEY PAID. Awards do include the entry fee paid to compete at the State Pageant (\$75) which is the same whether winner or 1st Alternate. Also, any monies raised during benefits and given to the contestant would need to be donated to a charity by the contestant.

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO IN COMPLIANCE OF BOTH PARTIES WITH FULL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SIGNED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20__

LEGAL NAME _____
(Signature)

(Preliminary Promoter Signature)

AKA _____
(Stage Name)

(Witness Signature)

RELEASE

(Contestants and anyone going on stage need to sign)

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry (hereafter referred to as the "pageant"), their agents, servants, and employees from any liabilities and/or responsibilities resulting from, associated with, or arising out of my participation in the pageant and/or the title of Ohio Gay Pride, including but not limited to, personal injury, or loss or damage to personal property-regardless of whether the loss or injury occurred before, after, or during the pageant or any other related activity.

I also hereby release myself from rights to any videotaping, audio taping, photography, recording, still photos, or motion pictures of the pageant. I understand that I have no rights to any recordings that I appear on/in or the future sale thereof.

I hereby agree that my name or any photographs taken of me during the pageant may be used for publication for promotional purposes or in any advertising publicity.

By my signature below, I affirm and attest that I have read the rules and regulations governing the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant and agree to abide by them.

Contestant:

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

Assistants / Dancers:

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANTRY APPLICATION

NAME _____
(Full, Legal)

STAGE NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE(S) _____

EMAIL _____

FACEBOOK USER NAME(S) _____

AGE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

TALENT:

____ LIP SYNC (TITLE, ARTIST) _____

____ LIVE SINGING (TITLE) _____

____ OTHER _____

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JUDGES REGULATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

It remains the responsibility of the promoter to ensure the most qualified and professional panel of judges. The promoter must ensure that the judge's information contained within this manual is provided to the panel of judges, well in advance of the pageant to ensure the highest quality in judges. Additionally, promoters should present this and other pertinent pageant information, including but not limited to 1) Category Descriptions 2) Proper Scoring Procedures 3) Score-sheet Instructions and 4) Pageant Schedule. Additionally, the aforementioned should be reviewed in the mandatory pre-pageant Judges Orientation session. The detailed Judges Orientation is a crucial part of the pageant, as this helps to ensure contestants that only the highest quality of qualified judges are serving on the panel.

1. There will be no talking to any of the contestants except for a simple greeting. Avoid contestant contact at hotel, bar, and /or restaurants.
2. There should be limited talking at the judge's table among judges or to anyone around the table. Questions, after a contestant's performance (not during), should be directed to the Head Judge, unless otherwise instructed. A thorough judge's orientation will alleviate all or most questions.
3. Judges will not become too intoxicated during the course of the pageant. Although you know your own limits, please be watchful of how much you have to drink until after talent competition. Remember, contestants are watching you as much as you are watching them.
4. From time to time, promoters furnish snacks to the judges, however, judges are requested to not eat during a contestant's competition.
5. Do not applaud or overreact to any contestant's presentation.
6. Focus your complete attention on each contestant during each category. A judge should not "take his eyes off of" the performance of the contestant during Creative Evening Wear or Talent Categories. Notes may be written on the worksheet but do not look away from the contestant during Talent category.
7. A judge's valet should be appointed by the pageant promoter to care for the judge's needs. Promoters, valets, and other persons are never to interrupt the judge's concentration while a contestant is being judged.
8. Tardiness will run the schedule over the allotted time limits therefore, please be on time for every judged event.
9. Do not discuss your scoring with anyone except the promoter, reigning Ohio Gay Pride Titleholder, or the official representative (tabulator) of ORB Productions. All questions should be answered by the aforementioned only.
10. The appearance of the judges must be professional at all times during the competition. Judges should be dressed in "business casual". You may wear jeans, khakis, and a nice button up or a nice shirt.
11. At no time will judges be allowed in a contestant's hotel room or vice versa.
12. A judge may adjudicate no more than two (2) city pageants during a calendar year. Exceptions are limited to Former Ohio Gay Pride titleholders and the Ohio Gay Pride Advisory Board, all of which have unlimited judging opportunity, unless otherwise declared by ORB Productions.

13. The official representative of ORB Productions has the authority to question any judge who violates these rules and to relieve a judge of his/her seat after careful scrutiny of the rule infraction. The entire score sheets of every category may be removed of the judge in question however, clear communication must occur between the representative of ORB Productions, the promoter and the judge.
14. As there are restrictions on frequency that an individual may judge, preliminaries during a pageant season, it remains the responsibility of the promoter to investigate the qualification of the panel of judges to ensure that the contestant is provided with the highest quality of qualified and professional panel of judges. Exception to the judging limitation is for the former Ohio Gay Pride titleholders and the Ohio Gay Pride Advisory Board, who are unlimited in their judging opportunities, unless otherwise directed by ORB Productions. The executive offices of ORB Productions shall be provided with a detail of judges including city and state of residence, telephone number and email address for each judge. The executive office of ORB Productions may send a list of qualified judges who are available to adjudicate preliminaries.
15. The pageant promoter is responsible to ensure that the panel of judges is both responsible and eligible to judge. Promoters should make the selection of judges while considering reputation, resume' of qualifications and to avoid any potential conflict of interest. Potential conflict of interests include but is not limited to partners/mates of contestants, current promoters of contestants (example: a promoter of a regional contest whereby a contestants may be the current titleholder), pageant promoters during that particular pageant season.
16. Any contestant who has qualified or has intention to qualify to any city preliminary of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry during the same pageant season, in which they intend to compete, cannot judge a preliminary.
17. Judges should use the "Judges Worksheet" to make notation of the contestant's performance, and subcategory scoring. Then, once completed the scores should be carried forward to the actual Score sheet which is submitted to the tabulator. The "Judges Worksheet" remains the property of the judge, for his reference during critique. Judges should notate positives and negatives, of the contestant's performance in order to provide effective critique. The Judges Worksheet is subject to review by a pageant official and should be readily available for review, upon request.
18. The identity of the judges should be kept confidential, prior to the contest registration. That is, judges and promoters should not advertise, either in electronic, written or verbal communication, to any persons that they have been selected to judge a particular contest.
19. Judges should not be viewing message board chats/web sites concerning the pageant, while the pageant is in process (from beginning of pageant to the conclusion of the pageant).
20. Administrative Point Deductions shall not be the responsibility of the panel of Judges. The Judges should score according to the category descriptions as applied to the contestant presentation for which they are currently reviewing.
21. Judges may not "text" at the judges table, during any part of the category competition. Should a judge feel the need to text, it should be done once the entire category of competition has concluded whereby the judge should then leave the judges table, in order to conduct the "text activity".



NAME OF PAGEANT _____ DIVISION _____ DATE _____

PRELIMINARY	CONTESTANT 1	CONTESTANT 2	CONTESTANT 3	CONTESTANT 4	CONTESTANT 5	CONTESTANT 6	CONTESTANT 7	CONTESTANT 8	CONTESTANT 9	CONTESTANT 10
INTERVIEW										
CREATIVE WEAR										
ON-STAGE QUESTION										
TALENT										
ADMIN DEDUCTIONS										
TOTAL										

TABULATOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SECOND PARTY CHECK SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



NAME OF PAGEANT _____ DIVISION _____ CATEGORY _____ DATE _____

	CONTESTANT 1	CONTESTANT 2	CONTESTANT 3	CONTESTANT 4	CONTESTANT 5	CONTESTANT 6	CONTESTANT 7	CONTESTANT 8	CONTESTANT 9	CONTESTANT 10	CONTESTANT 11
JUDGE 1											
JUDGE 2											
JUDGE 3											
JUDGE 4											
JUDGE 5											
JUDGE 6											
JUDGE 7											
TOTAL											

TABULATOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SECOND PARTY CHECK SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Preliminary Promoter Pageant Contract

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the rules and regulations governing the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant and all preliminary pageants.

I further agree to follow all rules and regulations of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry.

I agree to accept the responsibility of Promoter for the coming Pageant Year and all fees incurred from Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry:

Preliminary Pageant

Promoter Name (Print)

Promoter Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone/Contact Number

Email Address

Date of Preliminary Pageant
(If known at this time)

☐ Miss ☐ Mr ☐ Mx

Prelims Costs

Miss Ohio Gay Pride Prelim - \$200.00

Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Prelim - \$175.00

Mx. Ohio Gay Pride Prelim - \$175.00

* These prices Do Not include the
Titleholder's Appearance Fees

* See Promoter's Packet
for additional information

Location of Preliminary
(If known at this time)

Preliminary Pageant Promoter Signature

Date

Marc Offenburger, ORB Productions
Owner, Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry

Date

Make money orders payable to **Marc Offenburger**
Please send to: 308 S. Wheatland Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43204
614-746-4490