

# Ultimate Pageant Code of Conduct

## Application Scope

This Code of Conduct applies to all Ultimate Pageant competitions, related events (including other pageants and dance competitions), and online interactions. It ensures a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all participants, parents, and guardians.

All National Finalists, contestants, and their parents/guardians must adhere to the Ultimate Code of Conduct. This applies during Ultimate Events, online interactions, and at any affiliated events.

## DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification due to breach of code of conduct will result in **NO REFUND**. All contestants agree to this upon their application.

## Disqualification and Future Participation

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to refuse participation or disqualify contestants if they or their guardians breach this Code of Conduct at Ultimate events, online, or at similar events.

## Denial of Entry

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to deny entry to any potential contestant who has a documented history of breaching our Code of Conduct or Terms and Conditions at any Ultimate event, similar events across Australia, or online. This includes but is not limited to instances of bullying, inappropriate behaviour, discrimination, or any other conduct deemed unacceptable by Ultimate Pageants. The decision to deny entry is made to maintain the integrity and safety of our community and ensure a positive environment for all participants.

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Minor Offenses**

- **Language and Behaviour:** All participants must use appropriate language and behaviour at all Ultimate Events.
- **Communication:** Maintain clear and consistent communication with the Ultimate Pageants team.
- **Payment of Fees:** All fees must be paid promptly, as outlined in the Terms & Conditions agreed upon during application.
- **Contacting Judges:** Contestants and their guardians are prohibited from contacting judges during the competition.

### **Major Offenses**

- **Anti-Bullying Policy:** Bullying of any kind is strictly prohibited at Ultimate Events, online, and at our affiliated events.
- **Non-Discrimination:** Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.
- **Compliance and Respect:** Follow instructions from the Ultimate Pageants Team and respect all decisions related to the competition and results.
- **Privacy:** Do not take or share images or videos of other contestants without prior approval.

## **Breach of Code of Conduct**

### **Consequences for Minor Breaches**

First Offense: A warning will be issued.

Second Offense: If a second breach is reported, the contestant will be disqualified from the competition.

### **Consequences for Major Breaches**

Immediate Disqualification: Any major breach will result in immediate disqualification without warning.

## **Reporting and Proof**

*Internal Reports:* If the Ultimate Pageants team witnesses a breach:

- Minor breaches will receive one warning. A second breach will result in disqualification.
- Major breaches will lead to immediate disqualification.

*External Reports:* If a breach is reported by someone else:

- *Without Proof or Additional Witnesses:* The contestant and guardian will receive one warning.
- A second reported breach will result in disqualification.
- *With Proof or Additional Witnesses:* Minor breaches will receive one warning. A second breach will result in disqualification.
- Major breaches will lead to immediate disqualification.

## **Amendments to Terms & Conditions**

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to amend these Terms & Conditions as necessary. Any changes will be communicated publicly promptly.