

ULTIMATE PAGEANT TERMS & CONDITIONS

This applies to all Ultimate pageant competitions and events, in person and online.

PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

Payments are non-refundable; payments may be transferrable to another competition at the discretion of the business. All decisions regarding refunds and payment transfers are FINAL and NON-NEGOTIABLE.

Online Competitions

Payments are to be made in full upon application.

National Final Competitions

Payments are to be made promptly, and contestants will receive 2 weekly reminders before being deemed non-compliant; contestants will be charged \$25 per month if fees are overdue. Unless an alternative arrangement has been made, contestants have to pay their full fee 4 months from the date of entry (or until November 30, 2024 - whichever occurs first).

If you are experiencing financial hardships impacting your ability to pay your fees, please communicate with the Director for alternative arrangements. Minimum numbers must be met before the pageant can confirm that it can proceed in person.

If a pageant has not met the minimum numbers to run, you will be contacted and offered the opportunity to move your entry online.

JUDGING & DECISIONS

Judges and Directors' decisions are FINAL. The person with the highest combined Portfolio and Interview score will be crowned in a tie. Ties may also be broken at the judge's or director's discretion in a way that seems fair or just at the time. Our judges will receive detailed judging handbooks to ensure all contestants are judged fairly and consistently.

Competition feedback will only be provided when stated so and only directly to each contestant (or parent/guardian). Ultimate Pageants will not share the scores and feedback of any contestant with any other parties.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All of our National Finalists and their parents/guardians are to act within the Ultimate Code of Conduct to keep everyone safe and maintain a secure environment. This code of conduct applies to Ultimate Events, online and during similar events.

Minor:

- No inappropriate language or behaviour during Ultimate Events
- Maintain consistent and clear communication between contestants (or guardians) and Ultimate Pageants
- Feed must be paid within a timely manner, in line with the T&Cs signed upon application
- No contacting the judges during the competition.

Major:

- Treat all with kindness, respect and encouragement
- Strictly NO BULLYING of any kind at Ultimate Events, Online or at our sister events
- There is to be no discrimination
- Follow instructions and show respect to the Ultimate Pageants Team
- Respect all decisions about pageant weekend, competition and results.
- No taking or sharing of images or videos of other contestants without prior approval
- Breach of Code of Conduct
- If a contestant or guardian breaches the above code of conduct this is grounds for disqualification without refund. Those who break the code of conduct will not be able to compete at or represent Ultimate Pageants.

If a breach is witnessed by the Ultimate pageants team;

- Minor Breach will be issues 1 Warning, if there is reports of a second breach, the contestant will be disqualified.
- Major Breach will be grounds for immediate disqualification

If a breach is witnessed by someone else;

- Without proof or additional witnesses, the contestant and guardian will be issued 1 Warning. If there is reports of a second breach, the contestant will be disqualified.
- If there is proof or additional witnesses
- Minor Breach will be issued 1 Warning; if there are reports of a second breach, the contestant will be disqualified.
- Major Breach will be grounds for immediate disqualification

Ultimate Pageants reserves the right to refuse or disqualify contestants if they or their guardians breaches the above code of conduct at similar events.

EXPECTATIONS

Outfits, Hair and Makeup, Photos and Routines are NOT supplied to contestants. You must organise these on your own, at your own cost. Please contact the director if you need assistance or recommendations for coaching.

You MUST be ready to go on stage when it is your turn. Failure to perform after three consecutive calls will lead to a single-point deduction per judge and possible disqualification for prolonged hold-ups.

ATTENDANCE OF IN-PERSON EVENTS

Spectators, contestants or other persons wishing to attend, compete or participate in any capacity can be denied entry at any time, under any circumstances, without refund or reason. This is at the discretion of the business owner and made with the safety of all in mind.

In-person events can only be attended by those with a valid ticket purchase; for safety reasons, the names of attendees must be provided at the time of purchase.

RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY

No video or photos may be taken by spectators or parents while contestants are on stage.

Photos or videos taken during non-stage events or backstage can only be done with explicit consent from the individual or a relative parent/guardian (when under 18). Additionally, please ensure you have consent before posting anything on social media.

In Australia, it is illegal to take photos or videos of others without their consent or the consent of a parent or guardian (if they are under 18). If anyone is found to break these rules, they will be removed from the event with no refund.

The above T&Cs can be changed at any time according to business needs. A public announcement will be made if anything changes.