

Photography & Media Policy for 2025 Ultimate National Final

Ultimate Pageants is dedicated to creating a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants, attendees, and media personnel. In order to ensure a safe, respectful, and professional environment, this Photography & Media Policy has been established. It outlines the rules and guidelines for the use of photography and videography during the Event to protect the privacy, safety, and rights of all involved. We ask all participants, guests, and media personnel to adhere to these guidelines to ensure the smooth operation of the Event and to respect the experience of others.

2025 Ultimate National Final (hereinafter referred to as "the Event") is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for all participants, staff, and guests. To ensure fairness, safety, and privacy, the following photography and media policy has been established.

Photography and Videography

- **Official Media Team:** Only designated official photographers and videographers will be permitted to take photographs and videos during the Event. All media personnel will have clear identification (e.g., a media badge or wristband).
- **Guest Photography:** Guests, including audience members and participants, are **not permitted to take photos or videos** during the Event, except in specific areas where photography is permitted as outlined below.
- **Backstage Photography:**
 - Photos are permitted backstage, but **permission from other contestants or their parents/guardians is required** before taking any photographs that include other participants.
 - **Be mindful of others** in the backgrounds of photos, ensuring that no one is unintentionally captured in a way that violates their privacy.
 - No photography or videography will be permitted in **areas that are deemed private or sensitive**, such as changing rooms or areas where participants may be vulnerable.
- **Photography by Contestants, Parents, or Guardians** (excluding stage competitions):
 - Photography is **permitted during non-stage competition areas** (e.g., rehearsal times, meet-and-greet, off-stage moments), but **permission from other contestants or their parents/guardians is required** before capturing their images.
 - **Photography should not be distracting** from the events running or cause delays. All photography should be done in a way that does not interfere with the smooth flow of the event.
 - Please do not interfere with **official photography or videography**. Official media personnel have designated areas and times for capturing content and should not be disrupted by individual photographers.

Consent for Photography and Media Use

- **Consent to Capture:** By participating in the Event, all participants, attendees, and staff members consent to being photographed and/or filmed during the Event. These images and videos may be used in promotional materials, on social media platforms, and for event recap videos. This consent is granted for an indefinite period unless revoked in writing.
- **Specific Requests:** If any individual or participant does not wish to be photographed or filmed, they must make this request known to the official media team or notify the event organizer prior to or during the event. Accommodations will be made to respect their wishes.
- **Commercial Use of Media:** All photographs and videos taken at the Event, including those captured by official photographers, participants, or guests, are the property of the Event organizers. Media may not be used for commercial purposes (e.g., advertising, product promotions, reselling) without prior written consent from the organizers.

Social Media Guidelines

- **Respectful Use:** Attendees and participants are encouraged to share their experiences via social media using the official event hashtag [#EventHashtag]. However, all social media posts should reflect the values of respect, sportsmanship, and positivity.
- **No Live Streaming Without Permission:** Live streaming or broadcasting the event in its entirety or in part is prohibited unless authorized by the event organizers. Any unauthorized live streaming may result in the removal of the individual from the venue.
- **Respect for Privacy:** When sharing images or videos of other participants, guests, or staff members, please be respectful of their privacy and seek permission where necessary, especially in cases where individuals may be in a vulnerable or private setting.

Photography and Media Equipment

- **Permitted Equipment:** Only official event photographers and videographers are permitted to use professional equipment, including cameras, drones, or lighting.
- **Disruptive Equipment:** Photography and videography that interferes with the event, obstructs the view of other attendees, or disrupts the experience for others will not be permitted.

Enforcement

- Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the removal of the individual from the event without a refund or further recourse.

By participating in 2025 Ultimate National Finals, you agree to comply with this Photography & Media Policy. Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you enjoy the event!

