



MBU PAGEANTRY SYSTEM

RULES AND REGULATIONS

MBU, striving to make a difference in the field of entertainment, has made some changes to better serve you and the industry.

1. Contestants must be males at least 18 years of age and able to show proof of date of birth. Legitimate proof such as driver's license, passport, etc. must be provided to the pageant promoter, if for any reason a contestant's age is at question.

2. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - Presentation

 - Sportswear

 - Formal Wear/Evening Gown

 - Talent (No more than 5-Minutes)

 - Question & Answer, Top Five

Pageant will begin at 7:00pm each night.

3. Judging for preliminary night will consist of total accumulated points in Sportswear, Formal Wear/Evening Gown and Talent categories. Based on scores from preliminary night, the Top 10 Finalist will move forward and compete Final Night. The contestant will compete in

Presentation, Sportswear, Formal Wear/Evening Wear and Talent. Afterwards, the Top 5 finalist will complete the Question and Answer portion of the pageant. In the event of a tie, the highest Talent category score will break any and all placement ties. In the event the Talent score is the same; Presentation category score will decide the winner. This rule is the same for placement ties at any preliminary to MBU. Each category has a maximum of 10 points the contestant can receive from a judge.

4. Each contestant (male/female) will be responsible for his/her own make up/hair during Preliminary Night competitions. The use of make-up artists, stylists, and assistants will be allowed for FINAL NIGHT ONLY. Contestants must arrive at the club between 5pm – 5:30pm each preliminary night, (5-points will be deducted after 5:30pm); (All faces must be completely clean and hairpieces must be on wig heads or stands). MBU will provide dressing room attendants to assist in zipping, checking your back views, and escorting contestants to the stage area, only.
5. Talent must be NO more than five (5) minutes. After five minutes, the contestant selection will be faded out and that contestant will have five (5) points deducted from his/her total Talent score. All dancers pay general admission fee at door each night.

There are no solo talents allowed Preliminary or Final Night. If a contestant does a solo talent, the most that contestant can receive in talent is seven point, from each judge.

Props may be used during the Talent portion of the pageant. Each contestant using props will be allowed four (4) minutes total to assemble/disassemble his/her prop set. Please have your personal crew on hand to make sure this process is done smoothly.

Any type of talent presentation is acceptable, except those, which may cause injury to the audience and or any other person. No excessive glitter, fire, or water may be used in any talent presentation. No live animals or reptiles included may be used in a talent presentation, unless approved by the board prior to competition. All talent presentations must be on a high quality CD, labeled with your name

and contestant number prior to turning in to our staff. Talent CD's must be turned in at the initial registration ONLY! So please bring 2 copies of your talent CD with you.

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10. The Official MBU Pageant does not discriminate against entertainers with silicone and/or hormones. Any judge will not consider the use of silicone and/or hormones in the scoring of contestants.
11. All contestants must be in attendance to Final Night Rehearsal by 12 Noon. Any contestant arriving late will receive a 5-point administrative deduction from their total Preliminary Night scores.
12. Contestants are responsible for the conduct of his/her dancers, stylists, and assistants. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in removal from the competition and/or forfeit of any prize package.
13. The use of, or dispensing illegal drugs or substances will not be tolerated while participating in the Mr. & Miss Black Universe Pageant. Immediate disqualification will result for any contestant, assistant, or dancer(s) that breaks this rule.
14. Any contestant, contestant dancer(s), helper(s), etc. who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another persons' possessions will be immediately disqualified and removed from the location of the pageant.
15. Any contestant whose actions are interpreted as demeaning or belittling to the MBU System or its pageant(s) will be disqualified.
16. The winners of MBU will be required to sign a contract before any prize money is paid. Failure to sign the contract will mean forfeiture of the title.

17. Any contestant in the Top 5, not staying on stage for the entire crowning and picture taking will forfeit their placement and prize money.
18. Within (7) days of winning the contest, MBU must have and maintain a valid e-mail address for the entire length of his or her reign.
19. All judges' decisions are final. MBU Pageants reserve the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these rules and regulations. MBU Pageantry Systems reserve the right to revoke the title of any winner deemed unfit during their reign after a hearing conducted by the National Board Members.

NOTE: UNSPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT WILL GET A CONTESTANT INSTANTLY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE PAGEANT, WHICH ALSO VOIDS ALL, IF ANY PRIZE MONEY. THIS RULE IS IN EFFECT AT THE NATIONALS AND LEASED PRELIMINARIES.