



## THE OFFICIAL PRELIMINARY GAY PRIDE PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant is an official Preliminary to  
MR. OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANT

1. All contestants **MUST** be a legal resident of Ohio. Proof of residency must be provided if requested by the promoter.
2. Contestants ***must be male*** and have reached the legal age of twenty-one (21) prior to the date of the pageant. Proof of age, such as a drivers 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 will 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 **talent** score. If there is a tie in the talent scores, the tie 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
5. The use 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.
6. Talent will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop set-up will be limited to two (2) minutes. Prop takedown will also be limited to two (2) minutes. Prop set-up and takedown times are not included in the seven- (7) minute talent time. You will have a total of eleven (11) minutes. If a contestant exceeds the time limits, they will receive a score of zero (0) for the talent category.

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.
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. Smoking will not be permitted in the dressing areas.
10. No food or drink will be permitted in the dressing areas.
11. Each contestant will be permitted to have one (1) helper in the dressing area at any given time. All helpers will be required to have an identification card.
12. Each Contestant will pay an entry fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ – cash or money order only. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Money orders must be made out to: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Any contestant, dresser, dancers, talent performers, etc. who causes a disturbance of any kind during an Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant will result in the disqualification of the contestant and contestant will be banned from all Ohio Gay Pride Pageants in the future. We expect all contestants and their affiliates to behave in a professional manner.
14. All qualified contestants **MUST** compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. Any qualified contestant who does not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant will be banned from the Ohio Gay Pride System for one (1) year and will not be permitted to be involved in any Ohio Gay Pride function or preliminary pageant held during the year.
15. If a qualified contestant does not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride and was not excused from competing at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride by the state promoter, they will be required to return the \$75.00 entry fee to their preliminary promoters for reimbursement of the state entry fee that promoter has already paid to reserve the contestants slot at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. The qualified contestant who does not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride will have thirty (30) days to reimburse \$75.00 to their preliminary promoter. Failure to reimburse the preliminary promoter will result in the contestant being banned from the Ohio Gay Pride System until the entry is paid. Preliminary titleholders who do not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride will be required to return all awards and all prize money to the preliminary promoter within 30 days of the state pageant for which contestant did not compete.

16. A preliminary promoter may choose to offer gifts, cash, benefit shows, bookings, etc. in addition to the prize package that is set for all preliminary pageants. Any additional gifts must be outlined in writing and signed by both the preliminary promoter and the contestant. If there is no signed agreement regarding additional gifts or support, the preliminary promoter is not obligated to provide additional gifts or support to the contestant who becomes qualified to compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant.



## **CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS AND SCORING**

(You may refer to the Ohio Gay Pride Contestant Handbook for further details of category descriptions)

### **PRESENTATION**

Your presentation attire should be in accordance with this year's theme. This category **WILL NOT BE A JUDGED CATEGORY** and **WILL NOT** be part of the final scoring. Be creative and have fun with it!

### **TALENT**

Talent is the highest scored category in the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant. Contestants will be judged on their quality of lip sync, live vocals, or other entertainment. Judges will be looking to see if the contestant knows the words to the song and finishes each word. Just knowing the words is not enough.

Time Limit: 7 minutes

Prop Set Up: 2 minutes      Prop Take Down: 2 minutes

### **CREATIVE EVENING/FORMAL WEAR**

Creative evening wear will allow you to use your imagination to create an exciting and original style for after-five attire. If a gown is worn, all expectations of fit and length apply. 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**. **MAKE YOURSELF STAND OUT!** Props may be used for this category. However, there will be no set up time allotted for prop set up.

### **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 .

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 10 points      Smoking in the dressing room
- 10 points      Drinking in the dressing room
- 10 points      More than one dresser in the dressing room

### **Immediate Disqualification**

Badgering or belittling any contestant, any member of Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary or associates of the Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant, or any affiliates of Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant.

- 5 points      No costume for presentation
- 10 points      Tardy for line up 5 points each for Roll Call, Presentation, Creative Evening Wear, On-stage Question, and Talent
- 5 points      Late for registration



## **PRIZES**

### **WINNER**

\$75.00 on the night of the pageant  
\$75.00 upon giving up title  
Paid Entry Fee to Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant  
Medal  
Plaque, Trophy, or Certificate

### **FIRST RUNNER UP**

Plaque, Trophy, or Certificate  
Paid Entry Fee to Mr. Ohio Gay Pride Pageant

### **SECOND RUNNER UP**

Plaque, Trophy, or Certificate

**RELEASE**

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant (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 Preliminary, 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 video taping, audiotaping, photography, recording, still photos, or motion pictures of the pageant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I appear on/in or the future sale of thereof. I hereby agree that my name or any photographs taken of me during the pageant may be used for publication or 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 Preliminary Pageant and agree to follow those rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS



2008

**OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY PAGEANT**

**APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STAGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

TALENT:

\_\_\_ LIP SYNC (TITLE, ARTIST) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ LIVE SINGING (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



# OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY 2008

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

I \_\_\_\_\_ AKA \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge and agree to follow the guidelines set forth by The Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Pageant Promoter.

As the titleholder of an Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary 2008, I will receive a medal, \$75.00 night of pageant, plaque, \$75.00 upon giving up crown in 2009, and paid entry fee to Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009.

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 the title of Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary to the best of my ability.

I also will be providing a promotional photograph to Ohio Gay Pride Preliminary Promoter BY EMAIL within 30 days of this date.

As a qualified contestant for Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009, I understand that I am required to compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009. I also understand that if I do not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009 as a qualified contestant, I will be required to pay my preliminary promoter \$75.00 for reimbursement for the entry fee that was paid for my participation in the Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009 Pageant. I understand that if I am a preliminary titleholder and I do not compete at Mr. Ohio Gay Pride 2009, I must return the crown, awards, and all prize money to the preliminary promoter in addition to \$75.00 reimbursement for the state entry fee within 30 days of the state pageant for which I did not compete.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Signature)

THE OWNER OF MR. OHIO GAY PRIDE, BROMANS, INC., AND THE PROMOTER OF OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY HAS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY AT THEIR DISCRETION. THE OWNER/PROMOTER ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE TITLE OF OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY FOR ANY ILLEGAL ACTION INTERPRETED AS DEMEANING TO THE TITLE OF OHIO GAY PRIDE PRELIMINARY, THE PROMOTER OR ANY AFFILIATES.

REVOCAION OF TITLE INCLUDES REVOCATION OF CROWN AND ALL PRIZE MONEY PAID.

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

SIGNED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

LEGAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Preliminary Promoter Signature)

AKA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Stage Name)

