

THE OFFICIAL MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 must 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 requested. 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 contestants 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 Wear, On stage Question and Answer, Talent, and Interview.
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 Miss Ohio Gay Pride 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. For the crowning ceremony: Gown of choice.
10. Smoking will not be permitted in the dressing areas.
11. No food or drink will be permitted in the dressing areas.
12. Each contestant will be permitted to have one (1) helper in the dressing area at any given time. One(1) Dresser will be admitted to the pageant at no charge. Dresser MUST have Dresser Badge when entering the club. All helpers will be required to have an identification card.
13. Any contestant, dresser, dancers, talent performers, etc. who causes a disturbance of any kind during a preliminary pageant or at Miss Ohio Gay Pride 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 an adult and professional manner.
14. Any Qualified contestant who does not compete at Ohio Gay Pride will not be permitted to be involved with the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System in any capacity for 1 (one) year. Any Preliminary titleholders who do not compete at Ohio Gay Pride will be required to return their crown and all prizes, including prize money, plaques, gifts, gift certificates, etc. to the preliminary pageant promoter within 30 days of the Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant in which titleholder was qualified to compete. Any preliminary titleholder who does not return crown and/or prize money to the preliminary promoter, will be banned from the Ohio Gay Pride System indefinitely and legal action will be taken.
15. If a qualified contestant does not compete at Miss Ohio Gay Pride and was not excused from competing at Miss 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 Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. The qualified contestant who does not compete at Miss 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 Miss Ohio Gay Pride will be required to return crown, all awards, and all prize money to the preliminary promoter within 30 days of the state pageant for which contestant did not compete.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS AND SCORING

PRESENTATION

Your presentation attire should be in accordance with this year's theme: *Pride on the Wild Side*. Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2008 has assigned contestants to wear basic cheetah/animal print for presentation. This category **WILL NOT BE A JUDGED CATEGORY** and **WILL NOT** be part of the final scoring.

If you have questions regarding your presentation attire, please contact Maria Garrison, 614-516-9595.

TALENT

Talent is the highest scored category in the Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. Contestants will be judged on their quality of lip sync, live vocals, or other entertainment.. **ALL TALENT MUST BE TRACK NUMBER 1 ON A CD. You may change your talent for final night if you wish to do so. (TRACK NUMBER 2 ON YOUR TALENT CD MUST BE YOUR CHOSEN CROWNING NUMBER)**

You Must Have BACKUP CD Available

CREATIVE EVENING WEAR

Creative evening wear category 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! You may change your creative evening wear for final night if you wish to do so.**

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 .

INTERVIEW

There will be a personal interview for Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant. You may come to interview as male or female. Your attire should be at least, business casual. You will be judged on poise, appearance, personality, ability to answer the questions posed by the judges, and on your professionalism during the interview. Don't be afraid to use humor during your interview. It just might be your greatest asset.

CROWNING – Gown of Choice

The top ten contestants will be required to have crowning number available. Your crowning number must be track number 2 on your talent CD.

ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 10 points Smoking in the dressing room
- 10 points Drinking alcohol in the dressing room
- 10 points Too many people in the dressing room
- 10 points Badgering or belittling any member of Miss
 Ohio Gay Pride or associates of the Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant
- 15 points No costume for presentation
- 25 points Tardy for line up 5 points each for Presentation,
 Creative Evening Wear, Talent, Interview, and Crowning
- 25 points Late for Registration (even if one minute late); Late for any
 scheduled contestant meeting during the pageant process,
 including Rehearsal for opening presentation.

** Excused tardiness to Registration will not result in deducted
points.

**Any contestant who will be late for registration *with a valid reason* must discuss their
tardiness with the Ohio Gay Pride Promoter PRIOR to registration time.**

PRIZES

WINNER

\$150.00 on the night of the pageant

\$150.00 upon giving up title

Crown

Trophy

Sash

FIRST RUNNER UP

Trophy

Qualification for MOGP 2010

SECOND RUNNER UP

Trophy

~~~~~**THIRD RUNNER UP**

Trophy

~~~~~**FOURTH RUNNER UP**

Trophy

RELEASE

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Miss Ohio Gay Pride 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 Miss Ohio Gay Pride, 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 for 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 Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant and agree to abide by them.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

2009

MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE PAGEANT

APPLICATION

(Full, Legal)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

STAGE NAME _____

AGE _____

BIRTHDATE _____

TALENT:

___ LIP SYNC (TITLE, ARTIST) _____

___ LIVE SINGING (TITLE) _____

___ OTHER: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE



Responsibilities of Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009

- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible to work closely with the Ohio Gay Pride Promoter to ensure the continued success of the Ohio Gay Pride System.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible to develop preliminary pageants and preliminary pageant promoters and assist with planning preliminary pageants as needed.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible to have frequent contact with the Ohio Gay Pride Promoter.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be required to attend all Preliminary Pageants unless otherwise excused by the Ohio Gay Pride Promoter.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible to have reliable transportation to all preliminary pageants and Ohio Gay Pride functions.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will receive appearance fee of \$75.00 for attending each preliminary pageant. This fee to be paid the night of your appearance at the preliminary pageant.**
- **Preliminary Pageant Promoters are NOT responsible for transportation or lodging expenses for Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2006.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible to be punctual and on time for all events.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be required to act in a professional manner at all times while representing the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System.**
- **The Promoters of Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System has the right to revoke title and crown of any Miss Ohio Gay Pride who does not comply with the outlined responsibilities.**
- **Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be responsible for contacting current preliminary promoters to ensure that they will continue to hold their respective preliminary pageants**



MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE 2009

This agreement is made as of (date) _____, by and between Miss Ohio Gay Pride owner, Bromans, Inc. and _____ Aka _____.

I _____ AKA _____ acknowledge that I have read the responsibilities of _____

Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 and agree to follow the responsibilities and guidelines set forth by The Miss Ohio Gay Pride Pageant owner.

As the titleholder of Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009, I will receive a crown, \$150.00 night of pageant, plaque, \$150.00.00 upon giving up crown at Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2010.

I also acknowledge that my promoter will be holding various functions throughout the year at which I will be responsible for attending with a two-week notice given.

I also understand that I am required to perform at two (2) charity benefits throughout my reign as Miss Ohio Gay Pride. The benefits that I choose to participate with must be reported to and approved by the promoter of Miss Ohio Gay Pride. The benefit must be for a charitable organization and not to benefit an individual.

Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009 will be part of the Pride Parade in Columbus, Ohio the last weekend in June, 2009.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to promote the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System and work closely with the Promoter to ensure the continued success of the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant System.

I will uphold the title of Miss Ohio Gay Pride to the best of my ability.

I also will be providing a promotional photograph with Ohio Gay Pride Crown to Miss Ohio Gay Pride Promoter within 30 days of this date.

As Evidenced by my signature below, I understand that the Ohio Gay Pride Promoter has the right to revoke the title, crown, and prize money paid if I do not comply with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Gay Pride Pageant system and/or the outlined responsibilities of Miss Ohio Gay Pride 2009. The decision for revoking the title of Miss Ohio Gay Pride lies solely with the promoter of Ohio Gay Pride Pageantry.

THE OWNER OF MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE, BROMANS, INC. HAS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE AT THIER DISCRETION. THE OWNER ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE TITLE OF MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE FOR ANY ACTION INTERPRETED AS DEMEANING TO THE TITLE OF MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE, THE OWNER 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____.

FULL NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

AKA _____ Lita Mannon Ohio Gay Pride Owner

MISS OHIO GAY PRIDE 2009

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Friday November 7 12Noon-1PM **Registration**
Somewhere Else Club
1312 S. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43206
www.somewhereelse.org

At this time, You will be given an appointment time for your personal Interview. All Interviews will be held at Somewhere Else Club

Friday November 7 7PM **Preliminary Judging**
Axis
775 N. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Contestants 1-9: Creative Evening Wear/On Stage Question
Contestants 10-19: Talent

Saturday November 8 12PM **Interviews Begin at Somewhere Else**

Saturday November 8 7PM **Preliminary Judging**
Axis
Contestants 1-9: Talent
Contestants 10-19: Creative Evening Wear/On Stage Question

Saturday November 8 11PM ***Stars of Pride Show***
Somewhere Else Club
**Preliminary Category Winners will be announced during this show. This is a MANDATORY event for contestants

Sunday November 9 12PM **Interviews at Somewhere Else**

Sunday November 9 8PM **Presentation of all contestants**
Top Ten Contestants Announced and Compete in Creative Evening Wear, On Stage Question, and Talent

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