

## Great Lakes American Miss

### Rules and Regulations

Mission Statement: Great Lakes American Miss is a pageant system built to empower young women by building self confidence through the spirit of competition and the sisterhood of lasting friendships. Strong girls grow into strong women.

#### Entry Fees and Registration:

1. Entry fees will be paid in full prior to check in on day of event. If entry fees are not paid, the contestant will not be permitted to compete.
2. Early sign-up incentives may be offered for a limited time upon announcement of an event. New contestant discounts may also be offered periodically at the Director's discretion. Those discounts will not be honored past the posted expiration date.
3. Entry fees are subject to change at any time and may vary based on the event.
4. Entry fees are not refundable at cancellation. Exceptions may be made in EXTREME circumstances at the discretion of the Director.

#### Age Groups:

Age 0 - 2 : Baby

Age 3 - 5 : Tiny

Age 6 - 9 : Jr. Princess

Age 10 - 12: Princess

Age 13 - 16 : Teen

Age 17 - 25: Miss

Age 25 and up: Ms

#### Competition Categories and Requirements:

1. GLAM is a natural pageant system. Artificial eye-lashes, eye-coloring contact lenses and hair pieces are not permitted. Exceptions may be made for medical devices and/or disability accommodation purposes.
2. Evening Gown/Formal Wear: This category is required for ALL contestants. Evening Gown/Formal Wear is defined as formal attire that one might wear to a black-tie affair. This may be a floor length gown or tuxedo. Color is contestant choice. No revealing cuts, please. Exposure of breasts, pubic areas or buttocks is strictly forbidden at all times. Contestants will walk the competition stage area in a set pattern as determined for each event. This pattern may vary by venue. Contestants will be judged on overall appearance (tidiness, grooming, apparel fit), Grace and Poise, and Personality Projection. Some contests may require a personal introduction by the Contestant. Requirements will vary by competition. Contestants under the age of 5 will not be required to introduce themselves.

3. **Outfit of Choice Modeling:** This category is free-style modeling competition. Contestants may wear any outfit of their choosing provided that they are tasteful and not revealing. Beach Wear, sportswear, fitness wear, costume are all permitted. **THIS IS NOT A SWIMSUIT COMPETITION.** Beachwear is defined as a tasteful (modest) swimsuit with cover-up. Props may be used provided they are hand held and/or easily placed and removed. Props which delay the competition are strictly prohibited. Runway configuration will vary based on venue. Contestants in this category will be judged on Overall Appearance, Modeling Presentation and Modeling Ability.
4. **Photogenic Competition:** Contestants in this category will provide a digital photograph to the pageant for judging. Judges will view these photos on day of the event and will judge each entry on the contestant's photogenic quality. Photos are not required to be professionally taken or edited. Less editing is better.
5. **Talent Competition:** (When applicable) Contestants are encouraged to show their talents no matter if musical instrument, voice, acting dialogue, or other talent. In most cases, the contestant's time may be limited to 3 minutes or less depending on the venue. Talent contestants must be at least 8 years of age. Please keep your talent act clean and tasteful. No "off color" or dirty jokes. Hate speech or political speeches are not permitted. Please use common sense. If you wouldn't perform this in front of your Grandmother... it doesn't belong!

#### Judges and Scoring:

1. Judges will be appointed by the Director and may consist of local television/radio personalities, prominent business leaders and other members of the community.
2. Judges will not be related to or personally known by any contestant. In the event that a judge and contestant are known to each other, said judge will step away and be replaced by an alternate judge.
3. Scoring will consist of a points system of 1 through 10 with 10 being a perfect score. Contestants will be judged in each criteria of the category of competition using this points system. For example: in the Formal Wear competition: the scoring categories will be Overall Appearance, Grace and Poise and Projection of Personality. Each of these will be scored by 1 through 10. Upon tabulation, these scores will be added together and an overall number will determine the contestant with the highest score.
4. Scoresheets will not contain the contestants name, only the Age Group, Competition and Contestant Number.
5. Scoresheets will be made available to the contestant. Requests may be made by email 24 hours after the event and will be provided within 3-5 days.
6. Judges Scores and tabulation results are final once winners are announced and crowned. In the event of an error, the Director will have discretion in deciding the resolution.
7. Tie scores will be handled on a case by case basis and will be handled by the Director.

#### Awards and Prizes:

Awards will vary by contest depending on overall number of contestants and the Director's discretion. Awards will be on display day of competition and will usually consist of at least a crown

and sash for each category winner and a smaller crown and/or trophy for each runner-up. Number of runner-up awards are the discretion of the Director and will be decided based on number of qualifying contestants.

Winners will be awarded by age group in Formal Wear, Modeling, Photogenic and Talent competitions.

An overall winner, or SUPREME, will be determined as the contestant with the highest overall score of ALL qualifying contestants, regardless of age. The overall (SUPREME) winner will NOT be awarded titles in the individual competitions. Contestants must compete in every available category to be eligible for the overall SUPREME title. Talent is not a required category of competition.

(In other words... if you are not the highest overall score, you can still win your Formal Wear age group title. You may still win your age group Formal Wear competition even if you didn't compete in other categories. This is being done to prevent one candidate from leaving the event with all prizes.)

#### Complaints and Concerns:

We are open to hearing from you and we want to hear your suggestions, what you like and what you don't like. This is not a guarantee that changes will be made to reflect your opinions. There are reasons why we do things the way we do. But, WE ARE NOT PERFECT! And any good organization should, GLAM will change and evolve; so please bear with us while we learn and grow too!

We will always treat you with the kindness and respect you deserve. We ask that you do the same, this includes parents, family members, spectators and contestants. Any bashing, rudeness or negative remarks or interactions will result immediate disqualification and ejection from the venue. And permanent removal from the GLAM organization. Any and GLAM titles will immediately be revoked.

#### Expectations of Titleholders:

While publically representing Great Lakes American Miss, either by appearance, sash or crown, we ask that titleholders refrain from negative behaviors, including smoking, alcohol consumption and/or drug use and the use of foul language. You are the face of GLAM. Everything you do reflects on us. Just as we want to represent you, we want you to represent us.

The most important rules of all:

1. Have fun!
2. Smile!
3. Be Friendly and make friends!
4. Be a Good Sport!