

Worlds Miss Tourism

Since 1998, Miss Tourism has helped women find
their voice and their spark.

*Now it's your turn to join that sisterhood
and write your own chapter.*



Code of Conduct

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Miss Tourism is a family. That means the way we treat each other matters just as much as what happens on stage. This Code of Conduct applies to everyone who is part of a Miss Tourism event: contestants, titleholders, parents, chaperones, family members, coaches and guests.

WHO THIS APPLIES TO & HOW

Every contestant (and her parent or guardian, if she is under 18) must agree to this Code of Conduct during registration. A contestant is responsible for the behavior of everyone attending with her. If her guests break these rules, *she* can face the consequences.

One

Respect & Sportsmanship

- a. Treat fellow contestants, staff, directors, judges, volunteers, sponsors and audience members with courtesy and respect, on stage and off.
- b. Cheer each other on. Cheating, spreading rumors, sabotaging another contestant or undermining her efforts in any way will not be tolerated.
- c. Bullying and discrimination of any kind, including toward someone's background, culture or beliefs, are grounds for immediate disqualification.
- d. Win with grace and lose with grace. Poor sportsmanship when results are announced, including walking off stage, visible outbursts, or confronting another contestant or her family, will not be tolerated.
- e. Disruptive behavior before, during or after the pageant is a violation of this Code of Conduct.

Two

Drama, Gossip & Tattling

- a. Miss Tourism is a zero-tolerance organization when it comes to drama, gossip and negativity.
- b. If you report on someone else's actions, words or attempted actions, your report will be shared directly with the person involved.

Three

Honesty & Integrity

- a. All information provided on your registration and throughout the pageant must be true and accurate. Misrepresenting your age, marital status, residency or eligibility is grounds for disqualification and loss of title.
- b. An original birth certificate must be provided upon request to verify age and eligibility.
- c. Be honest and genuine in your interview, on stage and in every interaction with the public.

Four

Parents, Chaperones & Guests

- a. Everyone attending with a contestant must behave respectfully and professionally at all times during state and World/National events.
- b. **No contact with judges** before, during or after the competition. Do not approach, message or talk to a judge about any contestant.
- c. No coaching, signaling or calling out to contestants from the audience while they are competing.
- d. Staff and volunteers are there to help your daughter shine. Treat them kindly, even when things get busy.
- e. During the event, take questions or concerns directly to the **assistant who is introduced during Orientation**, never in the ballroom, the hallway or online. Scores and results will not be disputed at the event.

Five

Dressing Room

- a. The dressing room is for **the contestant and one female adult**. Please do not bring the rest of the family into the dressing room. It gets chaotic and can make the other contestants uncomfortable.
- b. **No boys or men of any age are permitted in the dressing room at any time. No exceptions.**
- c. Personal hair and makeup artists, coaches, photographers and other outside vendors are not permitted in the dressing room unless they are contracted by Miss Tourism. Contestants who hire their own artists are responsible for finding their own workspace.
- d. Respect everyone's space and belongings. Keep your area neat and leave it the way you found it.

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Photo & Video

- a. **Photography and video recording are prohibited inside the ballroom at all times.**
- b. **Photography and video recording are never allowed in the dressing room.**
- c. Our official photographer captures every moment on stage, so you can relax and enjoy the show.

Seven

Social Media & Online

- a. Contestants, titleholders and their guests may not post or share anything negative or disparaging about Miss Tourism, its directors, judges, staff, volunteers, sponsors or contestants, in person, in writing or online.
- b. Do not post about judges, other contestants or disagreements with results.
- c. Keep your online presence positive and family friendly. What you post reflects on you and on Miss Tourism.

Eight

Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs

- a. Contestants may not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs at any pageant event or while representing Miss Tourism.
- b. Contestants of legal age may not drink alcohol at any pageant event or post photos with alcohol.
- c. Guests of legal age may not smoke in public areas of the venue, and underage drinking by anyone in a contestant's party will not be tolerated.
- d. Drugs are not allowed. Period.

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Judging

- a. All judges' decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

Consequences

- a. A violation of this Code of Conduct by a contestant or *anyone attending with her* may result in any of the following, **without benefit of refund**:
 - o point deductions
 - o removal from the venue
 - o immediate disqualification
 - o loss of title, crown, sash and all prizes and awards
 - o legal action
- b. If a contestant is disqualified or loses her title because of a violation, she will be banned from competing for one year. A second violation results in a permanent ban.
- c. If a contestant under 18 is sent home, her parent or guardian will be contacted.
- d. All decisions about this Code of Conduct and its consequences are made solely by the Board of Directors. The contestant agrees to accept those decisions.

Questions?

Be Prepared & Ask Ahead

Be prepared. Read the website and all the materials we send you, and ask every question you have **before** the event at **info@misstourismpageants.com**. Pageant week is crazy, and your question could get lost. Always ask ahead of time!

Acknowledgment

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the Miss Tourism Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. I understand that I am also responsible for the behavior of everyone attending with me. **If the contestant is under 18, her parent or guardian must also print and sign.**

CONTESTANT — PRINTED FIRST & LAST NAME

CONTESTANT — SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18) — PRINTED FIRST & LAST NAME

PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18) — SIGNATURE

DATE

STATE / TITLE

AGE DIVISION